REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

**[*CHINA*]**

**[*HCFC Phase-out Project*]**

Project ID: P115561

**Assignment Title:** Financial Appraisal of HCFC-141b Phase-out Sub-Projects Under the China PU Foam Sector Plan

**Reference No**. (as per Procurement Plan): CS-1

The Government of the People’s Republic of China has received a grant from the Multilateral Fund of Montreal Protocol through the World Bank toward the cost of the Polyurethane (PU) Foam Sector Plan for Phaseout of HCFC-141b in Phase I, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include on-site verification on at least 30 enterprises of baseline consumption of HCFC-141b, evaluation of the eligibility, financial status and management capacity of the enterprises for the sub-project, and providing financial appraisal reports with suggestion for selection of the beneficiary enterprises for HCFC-141b Phaseout Sub-Project. The period covers one year from June, 2012 to June, 2013.

The Foreign Economic Cooperation Office of Ministry of Environmental Protection now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: 1) have at least five years of experience of carrying out enterprises financial appraisal and preparation of project financial appraisal reports with concrete successfully completed similar assignments before; 2) have the ability to customize feasible and reasonable verification plan and staff qualified financial experts for the assignments; 3) familiar with ExCom mechanism/Ozone Layer protection/PU Foam Sector in China is preferred; 4) experience with ODS phase-out activities verification is preferred.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers* [*January 2011*] (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the “Selection Based on the Consultants’ Qualifications (CQS)” method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during *09:00 to 17:00 from Monday to Friday*.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by June, 4th, 2012.

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