



RIGHTS AND RESOURCES INITIATIVE

Request for Proposals

Geographic Information Systems and Analysis Expert Consultants (3-Year IDIQ Agreement)

The Rights and Resources Initiative is requesting proposals for consulting services beginning in August 2026.

If interested in providing services, please review this request and submit a proposal by **July 10, 2026**

About RRI:

The Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) is a global coalition of over 200 organizations dedicated to advancing the forest, land, and resource rights of Indigenous Peoples (IP), Afro-descendant Peoples (ADP), local communities (LC), and the women within these groups. RRI leverages the power of its global coalition to amplify the voices of local peoples and proactively engage governments, multilateral institutions, and private sector actors to adopt institutional and market reforms that support the realization of rights. Its members capitalize on each other's strengths, expertise, and geographic reach to achieve solutions more effectively and efficiently. By advancing a strategic understanding of the global threats and opportunities resulting from insecure land and resource rights, RRI develops and promotes rights-based approaches to business and development and catalyzes effective solutions to scale rural tenure reform and enhance sustainable resource governance.

About CLARIFI:

The Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) and Campaign for Nature (C4N) launched the Community Land Rights and Conservation Finance Initiative (CLARIFI) in January 2022 to bridge a critical funding gap: while Indigenous

Peoples, local communities, and Afro-descendant Peoples protect the world's most biodiverse regions, they currently receive less than 1% of global climate finance. CLARIFI serves as a "trusted bridge," acting as an international funding mechanism that provides direct financing and technical support to rightsholders' organizations rather than implementing projects itself. Governed by the rightsholders themselves, the initiative aims to contribute to the sector's goal of raising US\$10 billion by 2030 to secure land rights for an additional 400 million hectares and protect 30% of the planet. CLARIFI deploys direct grants ranging from US\$100,000 to US\$1 million and functions as a pass-through mechanism for larger-scale investments between US\$1 million and US\$50 million to advance the integrated goals of justice, climate, conservation, and development. For more information, visit www.clarifirights.org.

Purpose

RRI supports rights-based conservation, climate action, and sustainable development initiatives across multiple regions, including Africa, Latin America, Asia-Pacific, and other global geographies. RRI and its partners implement programs that:

- Strengthen land and territorial tenure rights
- Support community-led conservation and climate solutions
- Strengthen capacity of IPs and LCs to advance their tenure rights and self-determined priorities
- Build evidence, facilitate knowledge exchange and global advocacy

These programs often involve **multi-country portfolios, complex data systems, and community-based monitoring and reporting frameworks**.

RRI invites qualified professionals, companies, or organizations (hereinafter referred to as "consultants") to submit proposals for a 3-year Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) agreement to support the organization's Geospatial Analysis needs.

Required Services:

1. Geospatial Analysis and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Services

- Compilation and validation of geospatial data from multiple sources, including internal, public and external data sources, partner organizations, potentially including Software as a Service product that allows for mobile data capture and real-time reporting and visualization.
- Development of shapefiles, polygons, spatial datasets, and GIS layers.
- Territorial mapping with free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) of IPs, ADPs, and LCs.
- Integration of spatial data into global platforms (e.g., WDPA, national cadastres, RRI systems, including the tenure tracking platform).
- Remote sensing and spatial monitoring (e.g., deforestation, fire risk, extractive pressures).
- Creation of technical and analytical reports including but not limited to quality of data, sources of data, analysis of data, description of methodology, gaps in data.
- Mapping and Visualization: Preparation of maps and spatial products that may include:
 - Community territories and governance areas with FPIC
 - Land tenure status and indicators
 - Ecosystem classifications (e.g., primary forest, agricultural areas)

- Water resources (rivers, watersheds, etc.)
- Conservation areas (protected areas, KBAs, OECMs)
- Monitoring points and community data
- Risk layers (e.g., fires, mining, oil, deforestation)
- Presence of vulnerable or isolated communities (where appropriate and ethically managed)
- Others, as needed.

Consultants must demonstrate appropriate data governance, security, and confidentiality practices for handling sensitive geospatial information related to Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendant Peoples, and local communities.

Optional Additional Services

Proposals are encouraged to include the following services, if available.

1. Responsible use of AI tools to support GIS services

- To include mapping, data validation and cleaning, remote sensing, etc.
- Any use of AI tools must comply with FPIC principles, Indigenous data sovereignty requirements, and applicable data privacy and security standards.

2. Knowledge Management and Data Systems

- Development of and/or integration with structured data repositories and knowledge platforms
- Metadata creation and documentation.
- Harmonization and ingestion of datasets across countries and partners for mapping.
- Support for data migration into RRI and partner systems.
- Alignment with current and future organizational or sector standards and policies, such as those related to FPIC, Indigenous data sovereignty, data security, individual and community security related to the collecting of location data and/or personally identifiable information, etc.

3. Communications and Knowledge Dissemination

- Development of technical visualization and dissemination of GIS products in multiple languages and formats based on audience and needs of RRI.
- Provide recommendations to support dissemination planning, including audience-appropriate product design, and communication approaches for GIS findings and data products.

4. Programmatic and Technical Assistance

- Provide GIS capacity support for RRI staff, coalition members, and project partners.

Consultant Deliverables

Deliverables will vary by task order but may include:

- Geospatial datasets in editable formats (*.gpkg, *.shp, *.tiff, etc.)
- Structured datasets with metadata
- Analytical and technical reports
- Data gap assessments and remediation plans

- Spatial data analysis, maps and other visualization products
- Knowledge products and summaries
- Data migration and integration outputs

All deliverables must include **clear documentation and metadata standards**.

Eligibility Criteria

Minimum Qualifications

Applicants may include firms, NGOs, academic institutions, or individual consultants with:

- At least **5 years of relevant experience**, including demonstrated expertise in GIS, spatial analysis, data systems, and/or related fields.
- Experience working with multi-stakeholder and international development programs.
- Experience in data collection and analysis across multiple geographies, sectors, and actors.
- Ability to work across cultural and institutional contexts.
- Ability to work in English.

Preferred Qualifications

- One or more languages in addition to English, such as: Spanish, French, Portuguese, Indonesian, Nepali, etc.
- Experience working with Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendant Peoples, and local communities.
- Experience in land tenure, territorial governance, or conservation.

Key Contract Terms

Contract Type: Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Agreement

Selected consultants will be eligible to receive task orders for GIS, spatial data analysis, and associated services on an as-needed basis. No specific level of effort or funding is guaranteed under this agreement. Task orders will be issued via email and will include a statement of work, deliverables, budget, and timeline. Consultants will be invited to confirm availability and submit a quote based on the agreed rates. RRI will assign the task order based on best fit, availability, and cost.

RRI reserves the right to periodically review the consultant pool and may remove or add consultants based on performance, capacity, or evolving needs. Poor performance, missed deadlines, or unresponsiveness may result in removal from the pool.

Expected Duration: August 2026 to July 2029

Expenses

All projected costs/expenses must be included in the consultant’s proposal. Consultant is responsible for ensuring that they have all required insurance, certifications, and/or licenses, and that they meet all legal requirements to provide services in the location where the work is being performed.

Equipment and Supplies

Unless stated otherwise in the proposal, the consultant is responsible for providing all equipment, software, and/or supplies required to perform the services.

Submission Requirements

Proposal must include:

1. Written proposal with:
 - a. Introduction of consultant/consulting organization (up to 1 page).
 - b. Summary of relevant experience, previous clients, qualifications (including professional working languages), skills, networks, prior experience in specific regions/countries, etc., that would contribute to the delivery of expected activities detailed above (up to 2 pages).
 - c. Description of consultant’s approach and methodology for completion of activities and deliverables detailed above (up to 5 pages).
 - d. Samples of relevant prior work (share as separate files, annexes, or links).
 - e. References from previous clients (At least 3, list on 1 page).
 - f. CVs for relevant team members (each no longer than 1 page).

2. A cost proposal with:
 - a. Rate Table detailing standard hourly rates for services (separate rates for lead and support consultants as appropriate using the Rate Table format below).
 - b. Quote or hourly estimate (level of effort) for test scenario in Annex 1.
 - c. Note:
 - i. Rate increases beyond the first year of the agreement must be specified in the pricing proposal. RRI reserves the right to cap such increases at 5% annually unless otherwise agreed.
 - ii. If your rate structure varies based on the location of the staff performing the work, please describe this clearly in a note accompanying your cost proposal.
 - iii. Consultants are responsible for any taxes, fees, or government contributions applicable in their country of registration. RRI will not withhold or remit taxes unless legally required to do so under U.S. law.

Required Rate Table

Must include the following table in your budget. Please list rates for all applicable roles/positions and specify if rates vary by service being provided.

Role/Service Type	Unit (hour)	Year 1 Rate (USD)	Year 2 Rate (USD)	Year 3 Rate (USD)
Senior Consultant				

Support Consultant				
Other				

Please submit your proposal and required documents by email to: eroen@rightsandresources.org and lbaumser@rightsandresources.org with the subject line “Proposal for GIS RFP”

The deadline for submission is 5:00pm ET on July 10, 2026.

Evaluation Criteria

RRI anticipates awarding between 5–10 IDIQ awards but retains the right to award more or less. The final consultant pool will be selected to ensure coverage across service areas, geographic regions, and subject matter expertise.

Proposals will be scored based on the following parameters:

- Proposed approach (25%)
- Relevant past experience (25%)
- Qualifications of consultant/consulting team (25%)
- Costs (25%)

Ethical Behavior

RRI is committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and ethical conduct in the procurement process. We expect all vendors and consultants to adhere to ethical business practices and comply with applicable laws and regulations. Any attempt to influence the procurement process through unethical means, including but not limited to fraud, bribery, or conflicts of interest, will result in immediate disqualification.

RRI’s procurement processes are fair and open and allow all vendors/consultants equal opportunity to win our business. If any individual or organization becomes aware of potential violations of ethical standards related to this procurement process, we encourage prompt reporting to our hotline at www.lighthouse-services.com/rightsandresources. By submitting a proposal, the bidder acknowledges this commitment and agrees to conduct all interactions with RRI in an ethical and transparent manner.

ANNEX 1: Cost Test Scenario

Instructions: To support the evaluation of cost realism, level of effort, and technical understanding, all applicants must submit a cost estimate and staffing plan for the test scenario described below.

Applicants should use their proposed hourly rates and provide a detailed estimate of the labor categories, level of effort, assumptions, and any other direct costs required to complete the scenario. The scenario is hypothetical and intended solely for evaluation purposes. It does not represent actual projects or commitments by RRI.

Scenario: Territorial Mapping and Spatial Analysis (GIS)

RRI is supporting a coalition of Indigenous and local community organizations in three countries to strengthen recognition of community land rights and identify conservation priorities.

The consultant will:

- Compile and validate geospatial datasets received from 20 community organizations, government agencies, and public databases.
- Create and maintain a geodatabase.
- Develop and validate territorial polygons and associated GIS layers.
- Integrate relevant datasets, including protected areas, Key Biodiversity Areas, watershed data, and land tenure information.
- Conduct a spatial overlap analysis identifying areas where community territories intersect with conservation areas and extractive concessions.

Deliverables:

- 10 publication-quality maps
- 20 editable GIS layers
- Metadata documentation
- A technical summary report (15–20 pages)

Assumptions

- Three countries
- Approximately 50 territorial polygons from 20 community organizations
- Data provided electronically
- No field travel required
- Six-month period of performance

Cost Proposal Requirements

- Proposed staffing structure
- Labor categories and hours
- Assumptions
- Total estimated cost

Updated to add Questions and Answers received as of July 1, 2026

IDIQ Overall and Task Order Ceilings

1. What is the overall ceiling of the IDIQ and is there a cap to the ceiling of individual task orders?

Answer: The overall ceiling is not yet defined but it is not likely to exceed \$600,000. There is no cap for individual task orders.

Budget Rate Sheet

1. May Offerors include separate line items for travel and other direct costs (e.g., printing, translation, interpretation, shipping, or similar reimbursable expenses), or should all anticipated costs be incorporated into the proposed labor rates?

Answer: Please provide fully loaded labor rates only.

2. Regardless of whether Offerors should include this as part of rates or as separate line items, what assumptions or parameters would you recommend proposers use when estimating travel and other direct costs for the purposes of this evaluation?

Answer: Travel expenses do not need to be included. Otherwise, please include fully loaded labor rates.

References

1. Are you seeking a list of reference contacts (e.g. client names, organizations and contact details) that may be contacted as part of the evaluation process; or short formal written statements of reference.

Answer: The RFP requests references from previous clients (At least 3, list on 1 page). This request is for a list of reference contacts.

2. Can we include previous project collaboration with RRI or CLARIFI as an example or reference?

Answer: Yes.