



FORESTERS WITHOUT BORDERS AUSTRALIA

Request for Expressions of Interest:

TECHNICAL TRAINING WITH VANUATU FOREST OFFICERS

Foresters without Borders, Australia is a non-government, humanitarian, independent, not-for-profit organization. Foresters without Borders is a voluntary organisation open to all professionals in forest management and utilisation of forest products for products and environmental services. Foresters without Borders is a Special Interest Group run by the Institute of Foresters, Australia Ltd. (IFA), but includes professionals from other related disciplines.

The purpose of FWB is to improve the wellbeing of communities that depend on forests, and the environment within which they live, by contributing knowledge and expertise to support sustainable forest management, build capacity and develop effective networks.

The FWB Management Committee is seeking expressions of interest from individuals with suitable skills for a volunteer placement in Vanuatu to conduct technical training with forest officers and others involved in forest management. The volunteer/s will work closely with the Vanuatu Department of Forests and the FWB Management Committee as well as other stakeholders.

FWB is a new organisation and this will be our first volunteer placement. As such, we are requesting expressions of interest from individuals in relation to this placement or other potential roles that FWB is currently scoping with partners in the Pacific and Asia.

Expressions of interest should include the following:

- A brief CV
- Outline of your interest in the work described in the TOR and your relevant skills and experience (1-2 pages)
- An indication of your availability and preferred timing for conducting the work described in the ToR or other roles with FWB.

Please note that expressions of interest are intended to identify potential contributors/volunteers only, the final scope and approach to conducting the work will be confirmed in conjunction with the volunteer/s and the Vanuatu Department of Forests.

At this stage, funding for this placement is yet to be secured. Costs will consist primarily of airfares and accommodation/living expenses in Vanuatu. The FWB Management Committee is considering options for sponsorship or other support that may become available and will assist volunteer/s to identify appropriate and cost effective accommodation options. To assist the Committee with this process, it would be appreciated if interested people could provide an indication of their potential willingness to partly or fully cover some of the costs associated with the placement. Such discussions would be preliminary only and would not be interpreted as a commitment by the volunteer, all finance and operational arrangements would be confirmed and documented with the volunteer prior to the placement.