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Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)
(Consulting Services for Environmental and Social Management)
– Firms selection)

Bangladesh Western Economic Corridor & Regional Enhancement Program (WeCARE) Phase-I

Assignment Title: Environmental and Social Management Consultancy

Reference No.: SP-06

The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh has applied for financing from the World Bank for implementing the Western Economic Corridor & Regional Enhancement Program (WeCARE) Phase-I and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the Consulting Services of Environmental and Social Management.

The broad scope of consulting services ("the Services") include carrying out the tasks mentioned below along the Jhenaidah- Jashore National Highway segment and Bhomra-Satkhira-Navaron National & Regional Highway segment.

1. Update the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) prepared for 'Phase – 1: Jashore-Jhenaidah (48.5 km) National Highway' of the Program based on the final alignment and detailed engineering design;
2. Prepare the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for investments proposed under 'Phase – 1: Jashore-Jhenaidah (48.5 km) Highway';
3. Conduct a Strategic Environment and Social Assessment (SESA) applicable for the entire WeCARE Program across the multiple phases to be implemented by RHD and Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) as well as the sections of the highway which will be widened with funding from Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank (AIIB).
4. Conduct an ESIA and prepare the ESMP for Phase – 3 activities to be implemented by RHD (58 km long Bhomra – Satkhira – Navaron Highway);

Expected date for commencement of the services is April 2021 and the tentative duration of the entire assignment is about 24 (Twenty-four) months. A draft TOR can be found at the following website: (www.rhd.gov.bd; www.cptu.gov.bd; or can be obtained at the address of the undersigned given below).

The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) under Road Transport and Highways Division, Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges, Government of Bangladesh now invites eligible Consultancy Firms to express their interest in providing the specified Services. Interested consulting firms should provide information

demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The qualifications and experiences for shortlisting are:

1. Experience in conducting ESIA conducting for infrastructure project;
2. Experience in preparing and implementing RAP for infrastructure project, preferably in Bangladesh;
3. Experience in conducting SESA for infrastructure project, preferably in South Asia Region;
4. Availability of appropriate skills among in-house staff; and
5. Experience in development partner's funded similar projects.

The attention of interested International Consultants is drawn to the Section III, Para 3.14,3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's" Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016 and updated in August 2018," setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

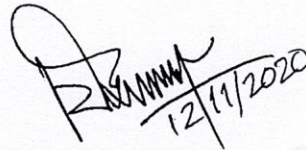
Short-listed consultants would be given an opportunity to enhance their qualification by associating with other firms in the form of association or sub-consultancy. However, if firms would like to form a JV, that must be done at this EOI stage. After short-listing, firms would not to be allowed to form Joint Ventures.

A Consultancy Firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address of the undersigned given below during office hours from 9:00 AM to 17:00 PM Bangladesh Standard Time (BST).

Expression of Interest (EOI) must be delivered in a written form to the address of the undersigned (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 14:30 PM (BST), December 21, 2020.

The client will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the firm(s) in connection with the preparation or delivery of the EOI. The Executing Agency reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reason.



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