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**Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)
For**

**Individual Consultant Service As Procurement Specialist (National)
Customs Modernization and Infrastructure Development Project
- Accelerating Transport and Trade Connectivity in Eastern South Asia
(ACCESS) – Bangladesh Phase 1 Project**

Assignment Title: Individual Consultant Service as Procurement Specialist (National) for Customs Modernization and Infrastructure Development Project under Accelerating Transport and Trade Connectivity in Eastern South Asia (ACCESS) – Bangladesh Phase 1 Project

Reference Number: SD-14

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB) has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of Accelerating Transport and Trade Connectivity in Eastern South Asia (ACCESS)– Bangladesh Phase 1 Project. National Board of Revenue (NBR) will implement the Customs Modernization and Infrastructure Development component under the project. It intends to apply a part of the proceeds of this credit for the services of an individual National Consultant as Procurement Specialist.
2. The broad scope of consulting services (“the Services”) includes but not limited to carrying out following in the project.
 - a) Develop procurement plan for goods, works and services for the project, and update the Plan as and when needed (at least quarterly) through the Bank’s Systematic Tracking Exchange of Procurement (STEP). Upload and update the procurement transactions using STEP.
 - b) Assist in soliciting bids, proposals and expression of interest: including use of electronic bidding portal.
 - c) Participate in or provide support for pre-qualification, short-listing, evaluation and selection of winning bids/ proposals and will also assist in (i) the organization of pre-bid or pre-proposal meetings, preparing answers/ clarifications/ modifications/ amendments; (ii) receiving, opening, and examining bids/ proposals; (iii) organizing technical evaluation committees, and participating where appropriate; and (iv) writing evaluation reports using standard format.
 - d) Assist in negotiating with bidder, when required, and preparing contract documents, for approval/ clearances by the concerned authority and the World Bank.
 - e) Checking the submissions from the Design Consultants (Cost Estimates, BOQ, etc.) received from the Design Consultants and recommending these to be accepted by the Employer.
 - f) Prepare drafts to Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI), Invitation for Bids (IFB), Bidding Document, Request for Proposals (RFP), and relevant documents.
 - g) Conduct procurement activities under the project using CPTU’s e-GP portal as applicable.
 - h) Any other responsibilities described in the Terms of Reference (TOR).
3. The expected date for commencement of the services is **February 2023** and the tentative duration of the entire assignment is about 38 (Thirty) man-months. Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) and other information will be available upon request from the address provided below either through email or in person. The TOR can be found at the following website: (www.nbr.gov.bd).
4. The National Board of Revenue (NBR) under Internal Resources Division, ministry of Finance, Government of Bangladesh now invites eligible Individual to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Individual should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The selection criteria are:

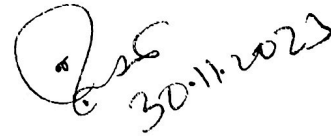
(a) Education

- The Procurement Consultant's qualification will be at least Bachelor's degree in Engineering, Post-graduate degree in Management/Laws/Economics/Finance/ Business Administration or related subject. A postgraduate degree in procurement or similar field will be preferred;
- Training on public procurement and contract management;
- Advanced academic/professional qualifications in procurement from recognized university/institutes will be preferred;
- Familiarity with World Bank Procurement Policies and Guidelines and systematic Tracking of Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) system would be preferred;
- Excellent knowledge of FIDIC procedure will be preferred.

(b) Experience

- 10 (ten) years of general working experiences in procurement;
- 7 (Seven) years of experience as Procurement Specialist/Procurement Consultant in public organization or have had responsibilities with a substantial content of his / her position in the procurement area (use of internationally accepted contract documents for Goods/ works/ Services);
- Excellent knowledge of procurement and contract policies, procedure and guidelines of Development Partners; candidates having knowledge and experience in World Bank procurement procedure will get preference;
- Knowledge and experience in preparation of bidding document/ evaluation report/ contract documents for international procurement of goods, works, services, etc.;
- Sound knowledge and understanding of e-Government Procurement (e-GP), Public Procurement Act, 2006 and Public Procurement Rules, 2008 of Government of Bangladesh (GoB).
- Experience in organizing and conducting capacity building programs on procurement and contract management will be an added advantage.

5. The attention of interested 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 November 2020, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
6. A consultant will be selected following the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016, and updated in November 2020.
7. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (09:00 AM to 04:00 PM Bangladesh Standard Time).
8. Expression 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 **01:00 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time), December 21, 2023**.



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Copy forwarded for kind information:

1. System Manager, National Board of Revenue (He is requested to publish this notice on NBR website).
2. Senior System Analyst, CPTU, IMED, Ministry of Planning, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207 (He is requested to publish this notice on website).
3. PS to Chairman, National Board of Revenue, Agargaon, Dhaka (For kind information of the Chairman, NBR).
4. Mr. Erik Nora, Sr. Transport Specialist, World Bank, E-32, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
5. The Manager (Advertisement), The Financial Express. [He is requested to Publish this notice for 1 (one) Day in inner page, before 03 December, 2023 (Size as small as possible but not less than 15" x 3" Column)].
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