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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR
PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES (PMC) (Firms selection)**
[Quality and Cost Based Selection] [International] [Time based]

Project Title: Loan 4178-BAN: South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Integrated Trade Facilitation Sector Development Project: NBR Part

Assignment: Project Management Consulting Services

Package No: NBR/CS-01

1. The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan [Loan 4178-BAN] from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to partly finance the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Integrated Trade Facilitation Sector Development Program (SDP). The National Board of Revenue (NBR) under the Internal Resource Division of Ministry of Finance and the Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA) under Ministry of Shipping will implement the project part of the SDP, which will build integrated land customs stations (LCSs) and land ports (LPs) at Akhaura, Sonamasjid, Tamabil border-crossing points (BCPs), and prepare detailed designs of the central customs facilities, and integrated LCSs and LPs at other BCPs. Part of project financing will be used to engage a Project Management Consulting (PMC) firm to provide consulting services to both the implementing agencies NBR and BLPA for implementing the LCS and LP components. PMC will also coordinate with other concerned government agencies, and local authorities, with the assistance of NBR and BLPA, for carrying out this assignment
2. The PIU of "SASEC Integrated Trade Facilitation Sector Development Project: NBR Part" ("**the Client**"), on behalf of NBR and BLPA now invites Expression of Interest (EOI) in English from reputed eligible international consulting firms ("**the interested Consultant**") from ADB member countries for short-listing in order to provide consulting services in the area of "Project Management Consulting (PMC)"
3. The scope of the consulting services ("**the Services**") is to provide support to the PIUs of NBR and BLPA on overall implementation of the project activities as outlined in the Development Project Proposal (DPP) of GOB.
4. The PMC Firm among others will carry out the following tasks: (a) review and confirm detailed designs of the buildings and facilities to be prepared by the selected contractors and make modifications to the detailed designs as necessary; (b) supervise the civil works and goods supply and installation; (c) monitor compliance with the initial environmental examinations (IEEs) and climate change adaptation works; (d) assist NBR and BLPA for implementing the social and gender activities; (e) provide procurement support for goods, works and services; and (f) measure the project performance indicators after completion of the works and goods installation.
5. The PIU will conduct the short-listing of the interested consulting firms for the above-mentioned service. The firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The key qualifications and experiences of the Consulting firms required are as follows: (a) Technical Competence: general experience, specific experience in similar assignments (design review/detailed design and project management consulting services with comparable scale and technical specifications. Firms with previous experience in the integrated trade facilitation infrastructure development sector will be given preference); (b) Geographic Experience: experience in similar geographic area; (c) Summary of




relevant permanent professional employees and resource persons. (d) Experience in working with Multilateral Development Banks - MDBs (i.e. ADB, World Bank etc.).

6. Expected date for commencement of the services is October 2023. The consulting service will require about 271 person months of key experts and 107 person months of non-key experts and to be implemented over 42 calendar months from the commencement date. The assignment location will be mainly in Dhaka and Akhaura, Sonamasjid and Tamabil BCPs in Bangladesh and other areas of the project.
7. The Consulting Firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method following the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).
8. According to the latest ADB procurement regulations, the REOI for this Consultant Service has been published electronically in the ADB Consultant Management System (CMS) which can be accessed through the following link:

https://selfservice.adb.org/OA_HTML/adb/xxcrs/jsp/ADBCsrnFwd.jsp?sel=186928

The interested consulting firms are hereby advised to access the REOI through the above link. If any contradiction is found between CMS notice and newspaper notice, the information on CMS notice shall prevail. The Consultants shall have to submit their EOIs electronically through the ADB CMS by **11:59 PM (Manila local time) on 21 April 2023**. For technical inquiries/assistance, the interested consulting firms may seek advice by emailing to the following email address: cmshelp@adb.org.

9. Offline submission of EOIs is **NOT allowed**.
10. A Consulting Firm may associate with other firms to enhance its qualifications, clearly indicating whether the association is in the form of a Joint Venture (JV) or a sub-consultancy. In case of a JV, all the partners in the JV shall be individually and jointly liable for the entire contract. The EOI should mention the qualifications and experiences of each member of the association as well as contribution of each member in delivering the Services. If a Joint Venture submits an EOI, they must submit a Memo of Intent to Form a Joint Venture that explicitly identifies the lead entity entitled to conduct all business on behalf of the joint venture and commits to submitting a joint venture agreement on required terms and conditions if shortlisted.
11. The Consulting services contract award and signing will be subject to ADB's approval. The EOI submitted by a consulting firm will be rejected if it or its associated firm has been debarred by GoB or the ADB.
12. Further information can be obtained at the address of the undersigned given below during office hours preferably by email.
13. The Client will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the Firm(s) in connection with the preparation or submission of the EOI.
14. The Client reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reason.


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