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Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)

Consultancy Services for Internal Audit Consulting Firm for Accelerating Transport and Trade
Connectivity in Eastern South Asia – Bangladesh Phase 1 Project.

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The National Board of Revenue (NBR), Ministry of Finance, Government of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank to finance of the Accelerating Transport and Trade Connectivity in Eastern South Asia - Bangladesh Phase 1 Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

Objective: The main objective of Internal Audit is to add value and improve projects operations. It will help the project accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes. The objective could be achieved by examining, evaluating and reporting on the adequacy of the projects control environment of individual audit assignments for the period. Based on this work, advice and recommendations will be made as necessary, as to how procedures can be improved to manage the risks faced in achieving project objectives.

Scope of the Consultancy Services: The scope of internal audit activity includes examining and evaluating the policies, procedures and systems which are in place to ensure reliability and integrity of information, compliance with policies, plans procedures, laws and regulations; safeguarding assets; economical and efficient use of resources; and accomplishment of established objectives and goals for operations or programs. The audit should be carried out in accordance with the International Standards of Internal Auditing issued by the Institute of Internal Auditor and should include such tests and controls necessary for performance of the audit. Other details are as mentioned in the Terms of Reference (ToR).

Qualification and Experience: Professional Firms of Internal Audit/Chartered Accountants/Cost & Management Accountants having at least 5 years' experiences in the internal audit field. The team leader of the assignment must have CIA qualification.

Team Requirements: The members in the audit team, their minimum qualifications and their anticipated inputs are indicated below;

- (a) The audit team shall be led by a team leader with a minimum of 5 years post qualifying experiences as a certified internal auditor or a chartered accountant. A co-task team leader must be a qualified accountant and have at least 5 years of post-qualification experience.
- (b) The audit team shall include experts who have experiences in auditing developments partner funded projects as well as procurement knowledge in order to facilitate contract review process.
- (c) The auditors shall be qualified accountant.

Audit Area and Time Frame:

- a. The audit will be conducted at the PIU office. The auditors will select an appropriate sample size (with rationale) to conclude and opine on the effectiveness, efficiency and economy of the project's operation.
- b. The audit firm shall be appointed to cover the activities for the project period. The project period is 66 months.

The assignment is expected to start from July 2026.

The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: (www.nbr.gov.bd).

NBR now invites eligible Consulting/Audit firms (“Consultants”) to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The short-listing criteria are:

- a. General Experience of the Firm (years in business and core business)
- b. Experience and competence to carry out all activities referred to within this REOI and TOR.
- c. Working experience in development partner funded projects will be an added advantage.

The CV of experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

Consultants are requested to submit, but not limited to, the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria:

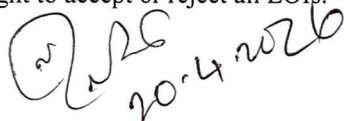
- a. The Firm's Incorporation/Trade/registration documents from the country of the firm
- b. Firm's brochures; and
- c. Description of similar consultancy contracts, including the scope, contract amount, name of Client, period of the contract (date of contract signing to date of completion), location/country of the services, etc.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14 to 3.17 (Conflict of Interest), of the World Bank's “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, 2025 (Procurement Regulations), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

If shortlisted, Consultants will still have opportunity at the subsequent proposal preparation stage to further enhance their expertise for the assignment by associating with non-shortlisted consultants in the form of a Joint Venture. In all such cases a shortlisted Consultant must obtain the written approval of the Client prior to the submission of the Proposal, for which the shortlisted Consultant will be required to justify the rationale for associating and specify the proposed role and relevant qualifications of the proposed associate(s) for carrying out the assignment. When associating with non-shortlisted firms in the form of a joint venture, the shortlisted Consultant shall be a lead member. However, Instruction to Consultant (ITC) clauses of RFP will prevail in regard to association with non-shortlisted firm during proposal preparation stage.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants' Quality based Selection (CQS) method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours. 09:00 to 16:00 hours (GMT+06:00).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address provided in the letterhead (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by May 19, 2026, 15:00 Hours Local Time (GMT+06:00). The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.

Handwritten signature and date: 20.4.2026

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