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Request for Expressions of Interest

(Consulting Services- Consulting Firm Selection)

(Market Approach: Open-International)

Country : Bangladesh
Name of the Project : Bangladesh Regional Waterway Transport Project1 (Dredging in Chittagong-Dhaka-Ashuganj IWT Corridor along with associated linked routes and construction of terminal with allied infrastructure) (1st Revision)
Credit No. : IDA Credit No.: 5842-BD
Assignment Title : Design and Development of System to prepare and disseminate Hydrographic Information Electronically
Reference No. : Package No. BRWTP-S-7

1. The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB) has received financing credit from the International Development Agency (IDA) towards the cost of the "Bangladesh Regional Waterway Transport Project1 (*Dredging in Chittagong-Dhaka-Ashuganj IWT Corridor along with associated linked routes and construction of terminal with allied infrastructure*)" being implemented by Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) under Ministry of Shipping of Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
2. The consulting services ("Services") include mainly to assist BIWTA to provide both systems and services that can be used on board vessels to aid river navigation and therefore compliance with the principals of SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 19 (Ship borne navigation equipment and systems). This shall include: (a) The development of a River Information Service (RIS) including all necessary RIS architecture- whereby a RIS is defined as a formal concept for harmonized information services to support traffic and transport management in inland navigation; (b) The development of a system to produce and distribute inland Electronic Nautical Charts (but not data collection which is being provided by BIWTA). All parts of the study are expected to run concurrently and the Consultant is expected to deliver each in a harmonized and logical manner. The Consultant shall be responsible for evolving an appropriate methodology based on the tasks as elaborated in the scope of works that is acceptable to BIWTA. The Consultant shall furthermore undertake all fieldwork and ensure all data and information gathered is quality assured and corrected wherever appropriate. Any qualitative assessments must be backed up by case studies and relevant industry examples. The consulting firm would be hired for a period of thirty (30) months.
3. BIWTA now invites eligible and qualified consulting Firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the indented services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: mainly related to Organizational and Legal Aspects; Experiences; and Financial Capacity. In this regard the Consultant shall have a legal status enabling the organization to perform above mentioned tasks and must demonstrate capacity and capabilities in the following terms: (i) Minimum eight (8) years' experience in conducting similar assignments; (ii) Demonstrated experience in similar task including the Inland Water Transport; vessel operations; transport planning and technical innovation tasks on similar nature and complexity scale of this project over the past five (5) years; (iii) Knowledge and experience in connection with Development of a River Information Service (RIS) and Development of a System to Distribute and Use Inland Electronic Nautical Charts; (iv) Experience working on similar assignment with public projects/programs or development agency operation; etc.; and all these shall be demonstrated for the

target assignment in Expression of Interest (EOI) to be submitted by the Consultant/Firm; (v) List of Resources with logistic supports and list of professional employees with key qualifications, having excellent academic, research background in conducting similar assignment; (vi) Demonstrated financial statement on liquid asset enabling to deploy qualified staffs in field and to mobilize for commencement of the assignment. Besides these the following are required for eligibility: i) Company Registration and Financial statement (last Year); ii) Bank Solvency Certificate; iii) Bank Name, Branch name, account number, account type, closing balance etc; iv) Audited certification has to be attached with the audit report; v) Project completion certificates from clients for similar projects; and viii) Resource personnel qualification for the project.

4. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers* [January 2011, revised July 2014] ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
5. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.
6. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Fixed-budget Based Selection (FBS) method** set out in the Consultant Guidelines.
7. Terms of Reference (TOR) in details of the assignment would be available at Office of the Project Director during office hours i.e. 09:00 to 17:00 hours (local Time/GMT+6) from Sunday to Thursday except public holidays; and also TOR in website: www.biwta.gov.bd. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours.
8. Interested Consultant must submit **Two (2) sets** of Expressions of Interest (EOI) including **one (1) original and one (1) copy** in written duly enveloped shall be delivered to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **March 13, 2022** within 14:30 Hours (BST/GMT+6:00). At this stage of EOI, submission of detailed CVs of the proposed professional experts is not encouraged. In addition to the above, submission of softcopy (pdf version) of EOI document preferably in CD/DVD/USB Flash Drive will be appreciable. If there is any discrepancy between softcopy and hardcopy, the information provided in hardcopy will prevail.



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