



**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB)
Ministry of Education (MOE)
Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE)
Secondary Education Sector Investment Program (SESIP)**

**Selection of International Consulting Firm for Study on Verification of
Infrastructure Development Plan under Secondary Education Sector Investment
Program (SESIP)**

**Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)
for
Short listing of International Firms for Study on Verification of Infrastructure
Development Plan**

Memo No. DSHE/SESIP/SPSU/2-235/Infrastructure Development/2016/194

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The Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) has been allocated public funds from the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Secondary Education Sector Investment Program (SESIP) and, intends to apply part of the proceeds of these funds under the ADB Loan No. 3047-BAN, Tranche-1, to eligible payments to the selected Consulting Firm under the consultancy services for the program for which this REOI is issued.

2. SESIP will support the government's reform of secondary education (grades 6–12) into a system that builds the foundation for a skilled labor force and prepares youths to meet the requirements of a rapidly developing economy. The program has been designed to make the secondary education more relevant to job market and thus it would reduce the percentage of people living below the poverty line. This would help achieving the target status of the middle income country by 2021 as set forth in 2021 vision. The overall objective of the SESIP is "to reduce the poverty in Bangladesh by establishing a more relevant secondary education in terms of quality, efficiency and equity through improving the secondary education sector as a whole."

3. The assignment location will be in Dhaka with visits to district and upazillas. The duration of the assignment will be 6 months. The consulting services will require estimated time inputs of 20 person-months comprising of 5 person-months international experts and 15 person-months national experts implemented over the assignment period from the commencement date. It is expected that the services will commence in September 2016 and will be completed in March 2017. The Ministry of Education (MOE), GOB will be the Executing Agency (EA) and DSHE under MOE, GOB will be the Implementing Agency (IA).

4. DSHE now invites eligible international Consulting Firms to submit EOI for Consultancy Services for SESIP for 'Study on Verification of Infrastructure Development Plan' under the financing agreement between ADB and the GOB. Eligible international Consulting Firms should submit their EOIs either through ADB's consultant management system at <http://cms.adb.org> or electronically via e-mail to:

rkumarroy@gmail.com; spsumamun@gmail.com or in hardcopy to the address of the undersigned. "Expression of Interest (EOI): Study on Verification of Infrastructure Development Plan" for Secondary Education Sector Investment Program" should appear on the envelope. The Firms must prepare and submit their EOIs in a standard form, "Template for Expression of Interest (Consulting Firms)", which can be obtained by contacting the office of the Joint Program Director at the address indicated below or downloading from the ADB website (<http://www.adb.org/Consulting/toolkit-template.asp>).

5. The scope of work and detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained by contacting the office of the **Joint Program Director, SPSU** during regular office hours or can be downloaded from SESIP's website (<http://www.sesip.gov.bd>).

6. A group of consulting firms may form an association to express interest together and, have their qualifications and experience considered jointly. Associations may take the form of joint ventures or subconsultancies.

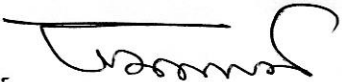
7. The short listing will follow the "Guidelines on The Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and Its Borrowers, March 2013" including revisions, if any. The Consultant will be selected using Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Method. The EOI from the consulting firm will be rejected if it or its associated firm has been debarred by the GOB or the ADB.

8. In addition to Eligibility criteria and others as appropriate, short listing will be carried out by the following major criteria as in the ADB EOI Template for Consulting Firms:

- Technical Competence
- Geographical Experience
- Management Competence

9. The EOI must be submitted as stated under Para 4 above by 3:00 PM on 24 April 2106.

10. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOIs without assigning any reason thereof.


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