



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)

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for
Selection of National Consulting Firm for
Education Management Information System (EMIS) Up-gradation (SD-17)

Memo No. DSHE/SESIP/SPSU/2-237/EMIS Upgradation/2016/1257

Date: 10.11.2016

1. The Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) has been allocated public funds from 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 under the financing agreement between ADB and the GOB for which this Request for EOI 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 infrequent visits to districts and upazillas. The duration of the assignment will be 15 months from the commencement date. The consulting services will require estimated time inputs of 122 person-months comprising of 21-national key experts implemented over the assignment period. It is expected that the services will commence from 1 March 2017 and will be completed in December 2017 (possibility of extension of the program subject to extension of loan closing date by the development partner). 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 national Consulting Firms to submit EOI for Consultancy Services for SESIP for 'EMIS Up-gradation'. Eligible national Consulting Firms should submit their EOIs through ADB's consultant management system at <http://cms.adb.org>. The Firms should prepare their EOIs in a standard "template", which can be downloaded from the ADB website (<http://adb.org/site/business-opportunities/operational-procurement/consulting/documents#loans>).
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 (www.sesip.gov.bd), and ADB's website (<http://cms.adb.org>) with reference to this assignment (SD-17) under SESIP.

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 sub consultancies, which must be clearly stated in the EOI.

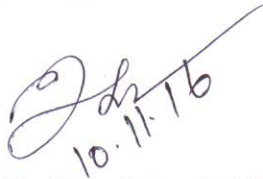
7. The Consultant will be selected using Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method in accordance with the "Guidelines on The Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and Its Borrowers, March 2013" including its updates and revisions.

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

- (a) Technical Competence;
- (b) Management Competence; and
- (c) Geographical Experience.

9. The EOI must be submitted as stated under Para 4 above by 11.59 PM Manila Time on 13 December 2106.

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



A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by the date "10.11.16" written below it.

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