



Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Education
Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)
for
Consultancy Services for Civil Works Compliance Verification (Supervisory Consultant for Civil Works), Contract No. (SD-50)

Memo No. DSHE/SESIP/SPSU/2-342/SD-50/2017/982

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1. 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.3320-BAN, Tranche-2, to eligible payments to the selected Consulting Firm under the consultancy services for the program for which this REOI is issued.
2. SESIP supports a significant undertaking of construction and refurbishment of civil works to improve access and upgrade school and institution facilities. Government offices will also be upgraded. Under the first tranche of financing (2014-2017) a total of 640 schools are being identified to be used as ICT Learning Centers (ILCs) and in these schools, facilities are being refurbished and decorated to answer the need of the ILCs, both from academic and security points of view. Also, 100 schools have been selected (mostly in disadvantaged areas) to be renovated in a first round. In the SESIP Total Procurement Plan, there are 162 civil works packages: 79 under Tranche 1, and 83 under Tranche 2 in various stages of processing.
3. All civil works under the program are being managed by the Education Engineering Division (EED) of the Ministry of Education (MOE). EED operates out of 38 separate zonal offices spread throughout Bangladesh headed by an Executive Engineer, with overall country management from central offices in DSHE, headed by the Chief Engineer. EED advertises and tenders through mostly paper-based tendering, but has introduced electronic procurement (e-GP) procedures under SESIP. EED is responsible for evaluation of proposals, awarding and managing contracts, undertaking oversight of the works, negotiating handover from contractors to the government, and collecting and reporting works-related data to the MOE.
4. Safeguard oversight of civil works is a requirement of the loan agreement between ADB and GOB. For this purpose, environmental and social safeguard specialists are fielded under the program to prepare and implement safeguard compliance plans aligned with ADB safeguard requirements. Safeguard compliance includes document review and field verification for report preparation.
5. Though EED undertakes quality assurance verification measures, due to mainly internal capacity reasons, accuracy and reliability of data is not routinely checked and verified.
6. The purpose of this Service Package, under Tranche 2 financing, is to carry out Civil Works Compliance Verification regarding infrastructure development and the quality, transparency and validity of supervision data to be used for quality assurance of civil works. The firm will also undertake field site visits on a sample basis for direct assessment of infrastructure development to verify materials and construction specification compliance, and compliance that includes compliance of environmental and social safeguards, where possible, in cooperation with the safeguard specialists to be engaged by SESIP.

7. The expected outcome of the consultancy is to have more reliable information available about civil works related supervision processes and overall progress. Proposals for supervision related improvements in EED procedures that may contribute to a higher quality implementation of the Infrastructure and Facilities Development Plan, will be incorporated in the plans. However, this can only be proposed within the framework of existing government procedures.
8. The duration of the assignment for the consultancy services under **Lump-Sum- based** Contract is twelve (12) months, or until the end of December 2018. Proposed are three (3) positions of four (4) persons comprising forty eight (48) person-months of time-inputs of national expertise as detailed in the TOR. The location of the assignment will be in Dhaka with substantial field visits. The Consultant firm will provide their own facilities for carrying out the work, unless space can be provided at DSHE. Individuals of the firm team members will visit DSHE as needed and temporary work- or meeting space may be provided at DSHE. The Ministry of Education (MOE), GOB will be the Executing Agency (EA) and DSHE under MOE, GOB will be the Implementing Agency (IA).
9. DSHE now invites eligible Consulting Firms (National Shortlisting) to submit (**Expression of Interest**) EOI for Consultancy Services for SESIP for **Civil Works Compliance Verification (Supervisory Consultant for Civil Works), Contract No,SD-50** under the financing agreement between ADB and the GOB. Eligible Consulting Firms should submit their EOIs through ADB's consultant management system at <http://cms.adb.org>.
10. The scope of work and detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) can also be obtained by contacting **the office of the Joint Program Director, Sector Program Support Unit, SESIP during regular office hours or can be downloaded from SESIP's website (<http://www.sesip.gov.bd>).**
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. The 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
14. The EOI must be submitted as stated under **Para 6** above by **4:00 PM (BST) on 02 November 2017**.
15. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all EOIs without assigning any reason thereof.

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