

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(Consulting Services – Firms Selection)

Country: Assam, India
Name of Project: Assam Public Financial Management Strengthening Project
Assignment Title: Consultancy for Policy and Institutional Reform for Strengthening PPP Framework and enabling Environment for the Government of Assam.

The Government of Assam has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of “Assam-Public Financial Management Strengthening Project”; and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards a “Consultancy for Policy and Institutional Reform for Strengthening PPP Framework and enabling Environment for the Government of Assam.

The consulting services (“the Services”) shall include (i) AS IS study of existing policies, procedures, legal, regulatory, institutional, financial and commercial framework pertaining to PPP in Assam; (ii) suggesting appropriate institutional mechanism, PPP policy and related guidelines and the PPP development process; (iv) Suggest capacity building measures and training strategy, develop training ,modules and impart first round of training; and (v) suggest a Communication Strategy and content for PPP website.

The draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for this assignment can be found at, www.assam.gov.in, www.planassam.info & www.assam.gov.in/web/finance

The Finance Department, Government of Assam now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate 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:

- Consultants should have at least 10 years’ experience in the relevant area and having successfully completed, as a Consultant, at least one similar assignment in India with a national or sub-national government of a value of at least Rs.30lacs
- Having adequate consulting staff with appropriate domain expertise in the area of government policy and institutional reforms. Weightage will be given for relevant experience on PPP institutional and policy reforms in India.
- Having an average annual turnover from India operations relating to consultancy business during the last three financial years of more than Rs. 5 Crores.

The list of documents to be submitted along with EOI are:

1. Details of Work Experience/Assignments undertaken as required in the ToR to support the shortlisting criteria accompanied by completion or acceptance certificate(s)
2. Self- certified details of personnel with domain expertise and experience

3. Certificate from the statutory auditors/ Chartered accountant certifying the turnover from consultancy business during the last three financial years.

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 & Grant] by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 – revised 2014* ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The nature of association, whether JV or Sub-Consultant shall be mentioned in the EOI.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, *i.e. 1000 to 1700 hours*.

Expressions of interest to be submitted in the following address, by 1400 hrs of 31/08/2016:

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