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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR FEASIBILITY AND ASSOCIATED STUDIES FOR TRANSMISSION GRID ENHANCEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROJECT OF PGCB (PACKAGE NO. # S-30)

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1. Bangladesh has achieved milestones in implementing the government's pledge to bring 100 percent of people under electricity coverage. The government's SDG goal is to deliver an affordable and quality energy supply for all. The demand for quality and uninterrupted electricity is growing day by day. The transmission system plays a key role in supplying reliable power to each corner of Bangladesh. In addition, to enhance reliable electricity supply to urban, suburban, and rural areas, some new transmission lines and substations of various voltage levels are found essential. Power Grid Company of Bangladesh (PGCB) implements the "**Transmission Grid Enhancement and Modernization Project**" under World Bank fund. PGCB intends to hire a consultancy firm for preparing the Project's Feasibility Study Report, Topographic Survey, and Route Survey for tentatively known route, Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), and Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for preliminarily identified subprojects, in accordance with the requirements of Environment and Social Framework(ESF).
2. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a fund from the International Development Agency towards the cost of the Electricity Distribution and Modernization Program (EDMP), credit no. 7021-BD and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payment under the contracts for appointment of consultant for "**Consulting Services for Feasibility and Associated Studies for Transmission Grid Enhancement and Modernization Project of PGCB**". Power Cell, therefore, intends to appoint an internationally reputed consultancy firm to accomplish the mentioned services by using World Bank fund under "TA for Strengthening and Development of Sustainable Power Sector in Bangladesh" project of Power Cell, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resource.
3. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. The short-listing criteria are:
 - a) General experience of the Firm(s)
 - b) Experience in similar projects of compatible size, complexity, and technical specialty in the required area
 - c) Financial Soundness of the firm
 - d) Staffing and logistics of the firm.
4. A consulting firm is allowed to submit the Expression of Interest (EOI) alone if it considers itself to be fully qualified on its own for the assignment, as it is not mandatory for consultants to associate with any other firm(s), whether foreign or local. Alternatively, if consultants themselves choose to associate to enhance their qualifications and capability for the assignment, then such associations may either be as a Joint Venture (i.e. all members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally responsible) and/or Sub-consultants (i.e. the Consultant will be responsible, including for the services of the sub-consultant). In case of an association, the Consultants must explain in the EOI submission (a) the rationale for forming the association and (b) the anticipated role and relevant qualifications of each member of the Joint Venture and/or of each sub-consultant for carrying out the assignment, to justify the proposed inclusion of the JV members and/or sub-consultants in the association. Failure to provide the above explanation in the Expression of Interest may risk the association not being shortlisted for the assignment. However, the qualifications/experience of sub-consultants will not be considered by Power Cell in the evaluation of Expressions of Interest for Shortlisting purposes.
5. Consultants are requested to submit the following supporting documents against the above mentioned criteria: (a) The Firm's Incorporation/Trade/registration documents from the country of the firm; (b) JV agreement/letter of intent (if applicable); (c) Firm's brochure; (d) Description of similar consultancy contracts, including the scope, contract amount, name of Client, period of the contract (date of contract signing to date of completion), location/country of the services, etc.; (e) Audited financial reports for last three years; (f) Short Biography of Key Professional; (g) Company's Income Tax certificate/Income Tax registration certificate; (h) Service experience record (including nature, total cost, total input in terms of staff month, employer, location of service, scope of services, etc.) of not more than 15 assignments, if more than 15 is submitted then 1st 15 service experience will be considered. The experience of a parent company, subsidiary company, group company, or associates (whatever the names) of the Applicant shall not be considered in evaluation.
6. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method.
7. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 09:00 to 17:00 hours or download the pdf version of the document with detailed ToR from Power Cell website (<http://www.powercell.gov.bd>), PGCB website (<http://www.pgcb.gov.bd>) or CPTU website (<http://www.cptu.gov.bd>) from the date of publication of EOI.
8. Applicants are requested to submit their EOI (hard copy & soft copy) to the above mentioned address within the submission deadline of **February 23, 2023 15:00 Hrs (BST)**. Any submission received after the confirmed submission date will not be accepted.

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