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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

**For Appointment of Consulting Firm for Feasibility Study for Multipurpose Use of Land for Renewable Energy Project in Bangladesh
(Contract Package: S- 19)**

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1. Bangladesh is near to achieve 100% electrification by 2021. Govt. is now concentrating on fuel diversification for electricity generation with increasing addition of clean energy. To fulfill the GOB's vision, development of Renewable Energy (RE) resources will play a vital role alongside the conventional fuel resources. So the government has emphasized generating environment-friendly electricity from Renewable Energy (RE) sources.
2. Utility-scale RE projects need to be implemented in Bangladesh to achieve the RE generation target but those projects require huge area of land. Bangladesh is predominately an agricultural country. Every year almost 0.20 million people are being added to the total population and estimated annual shrinkage of agricultural land is about 0.08 million hectares due to various non-agricultural activities like constructions of houses, offices, roads, mills, factories etc. (BRRI, 2009). As Bangladesh is a land constrained country with a huge population, occupying land for the sole use of RE based power plant is difficult. Hence, multipurpose use of land for RE projects is necessary.
3. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Agency (IDA) towards the cost of the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Development II (RERED II) Project and it intends to apply a part of the proceeds of this credit to payment under the contract for the appointment of a Consulting firm for "Feasibility Study for Multipurpose Use of Land for Renewable Energy Project in Bangladesh" under "TA for Strengthening and Development of Sustainable Power Sector in Bangladesh" project.
4. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. The short-listing criteria are:
 - a) General Experience
 - b) Experience of the firm in similar task
 - c) Experience of the firm in Power Sector
 - d) Resources, key experts & support services of the firm
5. 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.
6. If shortlisted, Consultants will still have the opportunity at the subsequent proposal/Request for Proposal (RFP) preparation stage to further enhance their expertise for the assignment by associating with non-shortlisted consultants in the form of a Joint Venture or as Sub-consultants. In all such cases, a shortlisted Consultant must obtain the written approval of Power Cell prior to the submission of the Proposal, for which the shortlisted Consultant will be required to justify the rationale for associating and specify the proposed role and relevant qualifications of the proposed associate(s) for carrying out the assignment. When associating with non-shortlisted firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy, the shortlisted Consultant shall be a lead member. However, Instruction to Consultant (ITC) clauses of RFP will prevail in regards to associate with non-shortlisted firm or sub-consultant during proposal preparation stage.
7. Consultants are requested to submit, but not limited to, the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria:
 - i) The Firm's Incorporation/Trade/registration documents from the country of the firm
 - ii) Firm's brochures; and
 - iii) 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.
8. Detail Scope of Work will be available in the Terms of Reference (TOR) which can be downloaded from the website of Power Division (www.powerdivision.gov.bd), Power Cell (www.powercell.gov.bd), UNDB and CPTU website from the date of publication of EOI.
9. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
10. A Consultancy Firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations. Further information can be obtained at the address below from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Except holidays).
11. Applicants are requested to submit their EOI (02 hard copies) to the above mentioned address within the submission deadline of **13 December, 2021, 15:00 Hours (BST)**. Any submission received after the confirmed submission date will not be accepted.

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