

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REoI) (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

[PAKISTAN]

[*PUNJAB RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION PROJECT*]

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: **IDA-71640**

**Assignment Title: Monitoring & Evaluation Consultants (M&ECs)**

**Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): PK-OFWM Punjab-308700-CS-QCBS**

The Agriculture Department, Government of the Punjab, has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Punjab Resilient and Inclusive Agriculture Transformation (PRIAT) project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to enhance equitable access to, and productivity of, agricultural water, and improve incomes of farmers supported by the project. The major components of the project include community-driven improvement of water conveyance and application, promotion of climate smart production, diversification, value addition, & inclusive access to markets, and project management, monitoring, and learning.

The M&E consulting services (“the Services”) mainly envisage impact assessment/ evaluation of project activities to ensure the achievement of Project Development Objectives (PDOs). Their major responsibilities will include (a) pre-implementation baseline evaluation; (b) implementation progress monitoring, including spot checking of works and quality of construction against agreed criteria and technical audits of the works completed and certified under the project; (c) M&E of the project’s impacts including mid-term and final evaluation and rapid evaluations as required; and (d) M&E of the project’s environmental and social management framework. The gestation period for consulting services will be 60 months, starting as early as possible.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website ([www.ofwm.agripunjab.gov.pk](http://www.ofwm.agripunjab.gov.pk)).

Directorate General Agriculture (Water Management) Punjab, Lahore/ Project Management Unit (PMU-PRIAT) now invites eligible engineering 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 shortlisting criteria will be as follows:

- (i) Firm(s)/joint venture(s) name, address, copy of the Registration Certificate with relevant professional bodies of the concerned Government, supported by latest / updated renewal, Country of Operations (if the firm is registered and operating in several countries), Memorandum / Article of Association / Partnership Deed or Joint Venture Agreement (if applicable).
- (ii) Audited accounts for last three years and registration with local Income Tax and Sales Tax departments alongwith active status of taxpayer.
- (iii) Quality control/ quality assurance/ quality management system of the firm(s)/ joint venture(s) supported with relevant certification (e.g., ISO certification or any other recognition from professional bodies)
- (iv) Total experience of the firm alongwith experience & past performance of firm(s)/ joint venture(s) in monitoring & evaluation, impact assessment, implementation progress monitoring, M&E of the project’s impacts including mid-term and final evaluation and rapid evaluations as required and M&E of the project’s environmental & social management framework, individually or

jointly as a team member. Total number of professional staff by the firm(s)/ joint venture(s) may also be provided.

- (v) List of similar consultancy assignments completed during last 10 (ten) years with total cost of such projects and cost of consultancy services, dates of commencement, and completion. Completion certificates from concerned agencies/ departments should be attached with completed projects.
- (vi) List of similar works/ assignments currently in progress/ in-hand with total cost of such projects and cost of consultancy services with date of start and expected date of completion. Award letters from concerned agencies/ departments should be attached with completed projects.
- (vii) A firm, which was a team member in a previous joint venture, should furnish a statement providing details of works, component of works performed individually and its overall share (percentage) in the works performed by the joint venture.
- (viii) History of litigation (if any) in courts or any arbitration proceedings.
- (ix) Affidavit confirming that: (a) applicant firm(s)/joint venture(s) have never been blacklisted by any government department/ agency/ institution. (If ever blacklisted, then provide the case history and status of the firm regarding this decision). (b) All the information provided by the applicant firm/joint venture are correct.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage. Applicant firms are requested to provide only relevant and complete information specific to the proposed services and avoid submitting generic promotional literature. Incomplete/ generic information will not be considered. The borrower reserves the right to withdraw this recruitment process at any time and interested firms are responsible for all costs incurred arising out of, or in relation to this request.

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" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant 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 during office hours from 0900 to 1700 hours Monday to Friday (9:00 am to 5:00 pm PST). Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by **09 September 2022 (before 1100 hours)**.

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