



SINDH IRRIGATION & DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

(SINDH WATER & AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION (SWAT) PROJECT)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

Country : Pakistan
Project : Sindh Water & Agriculture Transformation (SWAT)
Project ID : (PI67596)
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Assignment Title : Subproject Implementation Support Consultancy (SISC)
Reference No. : PK-SIDA-347704-CS-QCBS

The Government of Sindh has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Sindh Water & Agriculture Transformation (SWAT) Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the services of Subproject Implementation Support Consultant (SISC). This assignment specifically contributes to SWAT's Component 2: Water Services Delivery and Component 3: Targeted Agricultural Incentives and Investments.

The implementation process will be demand driven through the involvement of Farmer Organizations (FO) established under the three Area Water Boards (AWBs) of Sindh Province. A subproject will be prepared and implemented for each participating FO. The subprojects are expected to result in increased agricultural water productivity through improved canal water deliveries, conjunctive management of canal water and groundwater, and adoption of improved technologies and practices at farm level.

SISC will assist Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority (SIDA) – in charge of Component 2 – and Agriculture Delivery Unit (ADU) – in charge of Component 3 – in preparing and implementation of all aspects of the farmer organization (FO) subprojects. It will also contribute to build the capacity of the FOs and of the AWBs. The intervention on each subproject will include (i) FO selection; (ii) initial training and subproject preparation; (iii) subproject implementation including all aspects of design and construction supervision; (iv) on-going support to the FO, its water course associations (WCAs) and farmers for at least one year (two full cropping seasons Rabi and Kharif) after the end of the construction phase. The SISC intervention includes both engineering and community mobilization aspects. It is expected that a total of 30 subprojects will be prepared out of which 15 will be fully implemented during the five years of the assignment.

Key novel aspects of the intervention for which applicants are requested to demonstrate their strengths include: (1) the participatory approach with the FO requiring a strong sensitization and training program; (2) the modernization of the distributary or minor canal managed for the FO to improve the control of flows; (3) the use of an irrigation scheduling approach for the delivery of water; (4) the collaboration with the Agriculture department to provide complementary agricultural support with the objective to increase agricultural water productivity and farmers' income.

SIDA now invites eligible consultancy firms/joint venture(s) with specific and proven competence and experience to indicate their interest in providing the services. Eligible firm(s) should submit Expression of Interest (EOI) in the English language along with relevant complete details of the qualifications and experience.

Interested consultancy firms will be expected to demonstrate or provide explicit information/ evidence of their qualification to perform this assignment, in their profiles, in the areas covered by the project as indicated above. Firms should have a specific and proven competence and experience in social mobilization, training, design, supervision, procurement and contract administration of civil works of similar nature. Interested consulting firms and consortia must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform above services (e.g. brochures, description of similar assignments, value of similar assignments); experience under similar conditions, availability of appropriate skill among staff; management of environmental and social safeguards; quality insurance and so on.

Consultants are encouraged to provide only materials that would be specific to the proposed services, and to avoid submitting generic promotional material. The short listing considerations are as under.

S#	Criterion
1	Corporate capacity (core business and years of experience in same business) for which a minimum 10 years is preferred
2	References with similar assignments completed in last seven (7) years indicating the nature, scope and value of these assignments in the areas of: (i) Social mobilization and participatory approach (ii) Irrigation scheduling and irrigation management (iii) Engineering design of canal works (preferably canal modernization works) (iv) Procurement and construction supervision of small civil works in rural areas including appropriate quality assurance system (v) Management of environmental and social safeguards
3	Proven logistical capacity to deliver similar tasks in comparable rural areas
4	Availability of technically qualified staff covering the key aspects of the assignment

The detailed Terms of Reference (TORs) may be downloaded

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or be obtained at the address given below.

The attention of interested consultancy firms 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.

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, as per the World Bank guidance note all the partners in the joint venture shall be evaluated separately and will required to be comparably qualified

Subsequently, the consultancy firms will be selected through Request for Proposal (RFP) in accordance with the Qualification and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

SIDA will conduct a pre EOI submission meeting with the potential firms to respond to any question related to the assignment and the EOI evaluation process at **03:00 PM (PST) Thursday on 4th May 2023**. The firms may attend the said meeting virtually by following. <https://teams.live.com/join/9510517429471>

Further information may be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM from Monday to Friday. Expressions of interest (EOIs) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by email or by courier) by **29th May, 2023**. For EOIs sent through email, the firms are encouraged to also send a hard copy at the address given below. Client will acknowledge receipt within 48 hours. In absence of such acknowledgment please contact on address given below.

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