



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)
Loan No./Credit No : 7255-PK
Assignment Title : Investment Preparation Studies for Upgrading the Sukkur Barrage Right Bank Canal System (RBCS)
Reference No. : PK-SIDA-404758-CS-QCBS

The Government of Sindh (GoS) has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) to meet part of the cost of the Sindh Water and Agriculture Transformation (SWAT) project for a period of six years. The project development objective of SWAT is to increase agricultural water productivity and improve water resources management. The project is being implemented by the GoS, mainly, through the Irrigation Department and its subsidiary organization the Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority (SIDA), and the Agriculture Department.

The primary objective of this Consultant assignment is to prepare an investment program on the RBCs for a follow-on World Bank financed project. A detailed description of the RBCS and a map of the RBCS are provided in the TORs. The RBCS is defined as all irrigation water supply canals that off-take from Sukkur Barrage, and associated drainage canals.

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 in the TOR. Firms should have specific and proven competence and experience in the planning and design of large irrigation and drainage systems, including associated environmental and social assessments that meet the requirements of multilateral development banks (MDB) such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, etc. 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; etc); experience under similar conditions, availability of appropriate skill among staff; management of environmental and social safeguards; quality insurance and so on. For all assignment references, the firm should provide information on the contract period, the overall contract value, the contract value for the firm, and the role of the firm—such as lead firm, JV member, sub-consultant, etc.

Consultants are encouraged to provide only materials/information that would be specific to the proposed services, and to avoid submitting generic promotional material. The shortlisting 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 of at least three similar assignments undertaken in last eight (8) years indicating the nature, scope and value of these assignments in the areas of: (i) Planning and design of large irrigation and drainage schemes (ii) Sophisticated hydrological and hydraulic water modelling (iii) Environmental and social impact assessments A mix of references acquired in different contexts (outside South Asia) and in similar contexts (South Asia Region) will be preferred.
3	List and profile of firm's key technically qualified staff

The detailed Terms of Reference (TORs) may be downloaded at <http://sida.org.pk/tender.aspx?id=4> 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, all the partners in the joint venture are expected to be substantially and adequately qualified in order to take up joint and several liability.

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 **11:30 AM on 27th February, 2024**. The firms may attend the said meeting virtually by following link

<https://teams.live.com/join/9585810202202?p=j6s7Wf9b86NX3OFa>

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 **26th March, 2024 on or before 5:00 PM**. 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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