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Name of the Project: Bangladesh Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project (BRWSSP)

Credit No.: IDA 5075 – BD

Assignment Title: Technical Assistance (TA) for assessment, development of detailed design, development of service option & modality and preparation of Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS) scheme to implement through Private Sector Participation (PSP) in O&M of WSS scheme in Twenty Five Small Towns of Bangladesh under Package No.: S-17

Subject: Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from Consulting Firms for the above Assignment

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Bangladesh Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
2. This is to increase sustainable access to safe water supply and improved sanitation in the rural areas of Bangladesh, focused on supporting the Government in mitigating against deteriorating water quality arising from arsenic, pathogens, salinity etc. and also on quality sanitation for its sustainability.

Government of Bangladesh through the Department of Public Health Engineering had been implementing provision of safe and sustainable water services under the Bangladesh Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project (BRWSSP) funded by the World Bank – International Development Association (IDA). The project implementation is founded on the fundamental principle of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) by hiring the services of a financial strong sponsor who shall invest partial capital funding, implements the project construction and installation and operates and provides water services to the rural community over a 12 year concession agreement and recovers the costs through an agreed transparent tariff framework.

From the learning of the rural schemes taken up, Government now intends to expand this initiative to twenty five potential small Pourashavas (towns) of Class C type under a future investment project potentially eligible for Donor financing. DPHE has prepared master plan with design and investment cost as part of their master planning for water supply and environmental sanitation service through carrying out feasibility study in 148 potential Pourashavas. The DPHE wishes to hire the services of eligible consultants to assist in screening, selection, updating feasibility study covering the gap (if any), developing service improvement plan and business model for water supply and fecal sludge management, and also review and refine detailed engineering design and costing for the implementation in the twenty five small town schemes.

The objectives of this assignment are (i) to develop an objective criteria (focusing on willingness of Pourashava to allow out sourcing i.e. Private Sector for O&M of the WSS scheme) to undertake screening of the pre-selected 50 towns out of 148 towns, (ii) selection of 25 small towns out of 50 towns; (iii) assess institutional capacity of the selected municipalities in managing water supply and sanitation program implementation; (iv) to update the feasibility reports and master plans for water supply and sanitation including investment requirements in the selected towns; (v) to conduct required technical, financial and legal issues with due diligence to assess the feasibility of out sourcing O&M of WSS; (vi) to review and update detailed engineering design to determine the technical, financial requirements for capital and operating costs; (vii) to prepare a detailed service improvement plan (service options) and business model for water supply and fecal sludge management; (viii) to determine capacity building requirement to manage service contracts and improvement of management and regulatory functions including accounting, budgeting,

organization etc.; (ix) to install TTW if required for any towns to finalize the scheme (x) to develop the bidding documents for implementation and (xi) to develop a concession contract with balanced risk framework for hiring Private Sector in O&M of the WSS scheme.

The Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), under the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives, Government of Bangladesh, now invites eligible 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 short listing criteria are:

- I. Availability of key professionals.
 - II. Availability of resources.
 - III. Experience of the firm in similar task.
 - IV. Experience of the firm in other works.
 - V. Support services of the firm.
3. (i) The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
 4. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.
 5. Consultants will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.
 6. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (i.e. 0900 to 1700 hours).
 7. The Expressions of Interest should include as minimum the following:
 - (i) Legal names and address of consulting firms including country of registration (i.e. legal documents)
 - (ii) Brochure of the consulting firms or description of company profile
 - (iii) Description of relevant experience with all necessary information as per standard format;
 - (iv) List of professional strength with name, qualification and experience;
 - (v) Annual turnover supported by audited financial statements;
 - (vi) Joint venture agreement or intention to form a joint venture agreement between participating firms. In case of Joint venture, the lead firm shall be indentified in the EOI.
 - (vii) Forwarding letter with detail address (i.e. mail address, telephone, fax, email) and contact person for communication.
 8. Expressions of interest including 5 copies must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail) by June 09, 2015 up to 15:00 hours.
 9. The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOIs or cancel the EOI process at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s).
 10. For any clarification and background information, intending entities may contact DPHE at the address given below.


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