

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Consulting Services – Individual Consultant Selection (Open; National)

Country : Bangladesh
Name Of Project : Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE): Reintegration of Returning Migrants (P174085)
Credit No : IDA-6841 BD
Assignment Title : Selection of Environmental & Social Specialist (ESS) (1 Nos.)
Reference No. : 49.04.0000.005.05.032.2020(Part-2)-16, Date: 22 May, 2022

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE): Reintegration of Returning Migrants (P174085) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

Qualifications & Experience:

- At least a Master's Degree in a relevant field such as environmental, sociology, anthropology, or other environmental and social sciences;
- At least five (5) years of relevant operational experience and a proven track record with specific experience/ expertise in related environmental and social issues including in the following areas:
 - Working on social risk mitigation of development projects;
 - Working on the empowerment of women and girls and/or other gender-focused issues including experience with migrants, especially female migrants, and/or repatriation would be given high priority;
 - Analytical ability practical problem-solving skills and resourcefulness in performing varied tasks in the environmental and social safeguards area;
 - Demonstrated skills in retrieving gathering and obtaining information from various sources;
 - Ability to think strategically and conduct dialogue on social development policies and priorities, while maintaining a strong sense of realism about context, conditions, and competing demands for resources;
 - Good understanding of WB ESF;
 - Field experience is highly desirable;
 - Excellent spoken and written Bengali and English skills and computer proficiency in PC based applications such as Word Excel and Power Points Outlook etc.

The Responsibilities/Accountabilities of Environmental & Social Specialist (ESS), but not limited to, the following:

- Review and update the existing project Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and supervise implementation of the social management parts in line with the commitments outlined in the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP);
- Provide basic orientation and training to the WEWB PMU and field staff involved in project's Component implementation, on the ESMF;
- Supervise the preparation of specific social management plans, screenings, consultations, campaigns, training as required and ensure adherence to Component implementation with the World Bank's environmental and social safeguards policies;
- Provide E&S inputs to the bidding documents following the ESCP;
- Support the WEWB PMU in the co-ordination, management and safeguards in compliance with the Social and Environmental Standards (SES) to ensure full compliance with ESCP;
- Support the WEWB PMU in the development and rolling out of a safeguards monitoring and reporting provisions and WWB's ESMS;
- Work also in the capacity of the Component's Gender Focal point and ensure in the Project activities, integration, and adherence to IDA's Gender policies;
- Advise in the co-ordination of the implementation of social audits for all completed project contracts;
- Establish the budget required to implement the ESMF requirements.

Place of work: Project office located at Dhaka; however, the consultant needs to do field visits in different districts; if required.

Duration of employment: 25 months, June, 2022 to June, 2024. Depending on the need of the client and satisfactory performance of the specialist.

Commencement of the Service: 30 June, 2022 (Indicative)

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found in the website: www.wewb.gov.bd

Reporting

The consultant will report directly to the Project Director of the Component and work with the Project implementation team as required and assigned.



Remuneration

Remuneration will be discussed at negotiation with short listed candidates.

“Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE): Reintegration of Returning Migrants” Project under the Wage Earners’ Welfare Board (WEWB) is now invites eligible “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: Educational qualification, experience (general & specific) and knowledge in procurement.

A Consultant will be selected through the ‘Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants’ method in accordance with World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016, Revised November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”).

The Procurement Regulations can be viewed at the World Bank’s external website:

<https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/178331533065871195-0290022020/original/ProcurementRegulations.pdf>

The attention of interested Consultants is drawing particular to:

- (i) Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the Procurement Regulations setting forth the World Bank’s policy on Conflict of Interest, and
- (ii) Section III, paragraphs, 3.21-3.24 of the Procurement Regulations setting forth the World Bank’s policy on Eligibility, including the specific pre-requisite conditions to be met for the eligibility, on exceptional basis, of Government officials and civil servants of the Borrower’s country under consulting contracts in the Borrower’s country.

Individuals who are currently working as procurement consultants on another World Bank-financed project may also compete in this selection process, but if they are selected they will be required before signing the proposed contract to provide documentary evidence of having satisfactorily complied with their existing contract’s requirements with respect to early termination of the contract by the consultant, including advance notice period, to avoid disruption in implementation of that project.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [i.e. 0900 to 1700 hours].

Expressions of Interest (EOI) must be delivered in a written form (hard copy)/E-mail to the address below by 15:00 hours Bangladesh Standard Time on 07 June, 2022.



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