

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
CONSULTING SERVICES – Individual Consultant Selection (Open; National)**

**COUNTRY:** Bangladesh

**NAME OF PROJECT:** Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN) Development Project under  
Bangladesh Private Investment & Digital Entrepreneurship Project (P170688)

**Credit No:** IDA-6676 BD

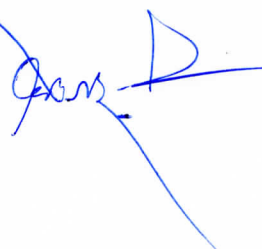
**Assignment Title:** Selection of Legal Consultant (1 No.)

**Reference No.:** IC-6-BSMSN-BEZA

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN) Development Project under Bangladesh Private Investment & Digital Entrepreneurship Project (P170688), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

**The scopes of the work of the Legal Consultant includes, but not limited to the following:**

- Legislative drafting of Rules, Regulation, Procedure and Policy;
- Providing legal opinion on critical legal issues;
- Amendment of laws, rules and regulations whenever required;
- Advising BEZA on labor-related Issues under Labor Law as adopted in BEZA;
- Time to time review of BEZA's Laws, Rules, Procedure, Developer Agreement, RFP documents, Private EZ Developer and Operator Agreements, PEZ licenses, Land Lease Agreements and other legal instruments and preparation of draft of amendment/ modification and adjustment of changes in those legal instruments;
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- keeping Liaison with Solicitor, Attorney General, concerned DAG/ Privately engaged Lawyer in respect of suits/ writ petitions and with Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Law in respect of legislative activities;
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- Providing consultancy services for smooth implementation of One Stop Service Act and Rules;
- Advisory services to Investors on clarification of legal issues as may be required time to time;
- Translation of legal instruments from Bangla to authentic English text; and
- Any other relevant tasks as BEZA may assign time to time on matters involving legal issues that may arise during development and operational phase of economic zones.

**Objectives: The main objectives are:**

- To prepare drafts of Rules, Regulation, Procedure, Policy and guidelines in accordance with the legislative drafting norms;
- To make adjustment of the changes in the legislation and legal documents;
- To assist the Project and BEZA in enforcement and implementation of legal requirements related development and operation of "Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN)" and other Economic Zones;
- To provide comments and opinion on all of study and legal documents in respect of legal issues;
- To assist in organizing training for BEZA, developers and investors for skills development in legal side; and
- To provide day to day support to BEZA and PD on any legal issue required for smooth implantation of the project activities and EZ related matters.

**Place of work:**

- Duty Station: Head office located at BEZA Office located at Dhaka; however, the consultant needs to do field visits in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar.

**Duration of employment:**

- For two years (September 2021 to August 2023) thereafter extendable every year based on performance.

**Commencement of the Service:** 1 September 2021 (Indicative)

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found in the website: [www.beza.gov.bd](http://www.beza.gov.bd)

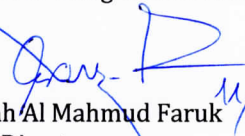
The Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN) Development Project under Bangladesh Private Investment & Digital Entrepreneurship Project (P170688) now invites eligible "Consultants" to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: educational qualification, experience (general & specific) and knowledge in relevant activity, hands on expansion in the activity.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, Revised November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the 'Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants' method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

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

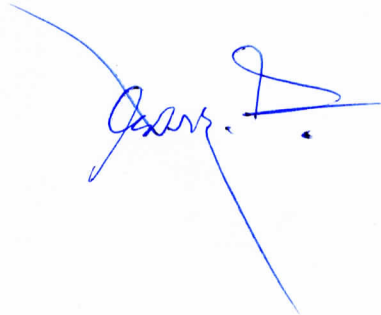
Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form (hard copy)/E-mail to the address below by 15:00 hours Bangladesh Standard Time on 28 July 2021.

  
11/07/2021.  
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BEZA-PRIDE (P170688)  
Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA)  
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Tel: +880 2 9632462  
E-mail: [pd.bsmsn.pride@beza.gov.bd](mailto:pd.bsmsn.pride@beza.gov.bd)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Prime Minister's Office  
Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA)  
Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN) Development Project  
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111, Bir Uttam C. R. Dutta Road, Dhaka-1205.

Terms of Reference  
for  
Selection of Legal Consultant (1 No.)  
Package No.: IC-6 BSMSN-BEZA

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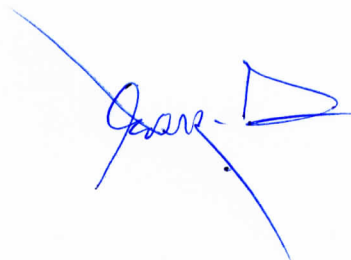
Terms of Reference for Selection of Legal Consultant (1 No.) for Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa  
Nagar (BSMSN) Development Project under Bangladesh Private Investment & Digital  
Entrepreneurship (PRIDE) Project (P170688)

(Package No.: IC-6 BSMSN-BEZA)

**(a) Background:**

The government is in the active process of establishing various classes of Economic Zones across the country to achieve the goal of developing 100 Economic Zones with export and local market-oriented industries including the industries based on the cluster principle for similar industries for promoting economic development of the country. As an important part of this targeted goal, Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) is developing 'Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN) Development Project under Bangladesh Private Investment & Digital Entrepreneurship (PRIDE) Project (P170688)'. An arrangement through "PRIDE" has been made for strengthening BEZA for effectively implementing BSMSN with the support and services of "Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN) Development Project under Bangladesh Private Investment & Digital Entrepreneurship Project (P170688)" to be provided, among others, in terms of providing professional services. An experienced Legal Consultant can add value to the services of the project and also to BEZA by providing appropriate input legal areas.

The Legal Consultant will assist to build up capacity of BEZA and officers of all ranks of BEZA and project offices by providing services related to legal issues, which will help in proper implementation of the Project, in particular by assisting in enacting new legislation, review and updating existing laws, rules, regulations and guidelines, drafting, reviewing and vetting of legal documents including various contracts documents, coordinating and overseeing the activities involving legal issues as per agreement between World Bank (WB) & GOB, providing onsite guidance to the master developers and the contractors on the implementation of the applicable laws, rules, policy and guidelines, providing legal opinion, assisting in case management and dispute resolution including labor related issues, taking legislative measures for incentive package, solving legal issues raised by other agencies/persons in any EZS and keeping liaison with the court officers, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and all relevant Government organization, whenever necessary, to solve various legal issues.




**(b) Objectives:** The main objectives are:

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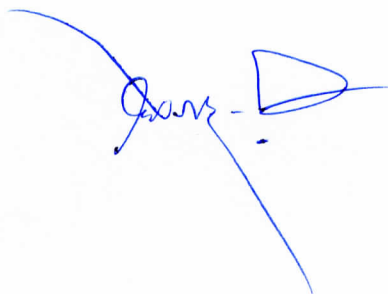
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**(d) Educational Qualification:**

The candidate should possess minimum Master's Degree with Graduation (Hon's) in Law from Public University or equivalent.

**(e) EXPERIENCE:**

The candidate should possess minimum 10 (ten) years' experience in judicial practice. Preference will be given to candidates having proven experience in structuring PPP Contracts, in Contract law, Company Act, rules, regulations, government notifications and amendment thereof and other legal and administrative instruments, experience in providing legal opinion, case management including drafting of replies to the court cases and legal notices.





**(f) Duration of employment and Place of Work:**

- For two years (September 2021 to August 2023) thereafter extendable every year based on performance.
- Duty Station: Head office located at BEZA Office located at Dhaka; however, the consultant needs to do field visits in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar.

**(g) Commencement of the Service:** 1 September 2021 (Indicative)

**(h) Data, Facilities and Local Services to be provided by the Client:**

The project will provide the following inputs and facilities:

- i) office space and other logistic support as per project provision; and
- ii) all available documents, papers and information relevant to the assignment will be provided/made accessible to the Consultant.

**(i) Selection Method:**

Selection of the consultant will follow the procedures for 'Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants' described in the 'Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016, Revised November 2020)'.

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**Consultant's Reporting Obligations**

Sl. No.	Reports	Contents of Reports	Persons to receive them	Date of Submission
1.	Inception Report	Present status of the legal issues including details action plan	Project Director	Within 15 days after joining.

*Ans. 12*



Sl. No.	Reports	Contents of Reports	Persons to receive them	Date of Submission
2.	Monthly Report	Progress report of legal issues.	Project Director	Within 1 <sup>st</sup> week of the next month
3.	Quarterly Progress Report	Overall activities completed during the reporting period	Project Director	1 <sup>st</sup> week of the next quarter
4.	Draft Final Report	Overall activity report	Project Director	15 days before closing of contract period
5	Final Report	Overall activity report from joining date to ending (contract period)	Project Director	5 days before closing of contract period

**(k) Other Criteria:**

a) The consultant will have capability to carry out the assignment in terms of overall suitability, training, computer skills, proficiency in English, etc. Knowledge of local conditions and administrative systems etc. will also be considered.

