REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRM SELECTION)

COUNTRY: Bangladesh.

NAME OF PROJECT: Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN) Development Project

(Bangladesh PRIDE (P170688))

Credit No.: IDA-6676 BD

Assignment Title: Solar Power Generation Feasibility and Transaction Advisor.

Reference No.: PMC-9-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, a project under Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

As an integral part of BSMSN's Green initiatives, BEZA has proposed to generate Solar Energy within BSMSN. An initial technical and financial assessment undertaken has proposed the possibility of generating about 82MWp from floating, ground-mounted and roof-top solar PV panels.

BEZA now proposes to invite Consulting firms to provide consulting services ("the Services") including, but not limited to, the following:

Component 1: Preparation of a detailed technical, financial, legal, environmental and social feasibility report and recommendation of a suitable and bankable PPP contract structure;

Component 2: Market Sounding with potential project developers and other relevant stakeholders;

Component 3: Public-Private Partnership (PPP) procurement, including drafting of PPP contract and supporting BEZA through the process of contract negotiation and signing and in delivering on BEZA's role in achieving financial closure.

Implementation period of the Services is estimated to be for a period of 26 months.

The indicative Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.beza.gov.bd. The final updated TOR will be included in the Request for Proposal document to be subsequently issued to only the shortlisted firms after completion of the shortlisting process.

The Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN) Development Project 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 shortlisting criteria are:

 At least 10 years (from the date of publication of this REOI) of experience in working on infrastructure PPP projects, particularly in conduct of detailed feasibility studies of infrastructure projects and providing transaction advisory services for PPP projects



2. Experience of successfully completing at least 5 assignments of conducting detailed feasibility studies of infrastructure projects proposed to be developed as PPP projects and at least 5 Transaction Advisory assignments of having facilitated successfully signed PPP contracts, in the last 10 years.

 Experience of having successfully conducted Detailed Feasibility Studies and Transaction Advisory services to Solar Power Generation projects through PPP arrangement will be an advantage, though not mandatory.

4. Experience of working on detailed feasibility studies or PPP Transaction advisory assignments in South Asia or South East Asia will be an advantage, though not mandatory.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of 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 related to the assignment as per paragraph 3.17 of the Procurement Regulations.

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 shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. In the case of the joint venture, each member of the joint venture should have at least one specific experience indicated above. It is preferred that the joint venture should not include more than four members. The qualifications of sub-consultants will not be considered in the evaluation of EOIs for shortlisting purposes.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method; Market Approach-International 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 may be delivered through courier service or in person (hard copy along with a USB drive) or through email to the address below by 27 July 2022. 1500 HOURS Bangladesh time. If delivered through email, the client shall not be responsible for the confidentiality of the EOI.

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