

**Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project Phase-I (WSIP-I)**  
**Expression of Interest (EOI) for Procurement of Consultancy Services for**  
**Preparation of Regional Plan for the Left bank of Indus River, Delta and Coastal Zone**

This request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in United Nations Development Business on line [undb@worldbank.org](mailto:undb@worldbank.org)) on January 11, 2007, and January 31, 2007 in UNDB issue number 695.

The Government of Sindh has received a credit from International Development Association for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project Phase-I (WSIP-I) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for the services for **Preparation of Regional Plan for the Left Bank of Indus River, Delta and Coastal Zone**.

The Government of Sindh is implementing Water Sector Improvement Project Phase-I (WSIP-I). The overarching objective of WSIP is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of distribution of irrigation water in three AWBs (Ghotki, Nara and Left Bank), particularly with respect to measures of reliability, equity and user satisfaction. This would be achieved by: (a) deepening and broadening the institutional reforms that are already underway in Sindh; (b) improving the irrigation system in a systematic way covering key hydraulic infrastructure, main and branch canals, and distributaries and minors; and (c) enhancing long-term sustainability of irrigation system through participatory irrigation management and developing institutions for improving operation and maintenance (O&M) of the system and cost recovery. The project also has a component to support detailed studies and preparation of a regional master plan for the area on the left bank of the Indus River, for rehabilitation and improvement of delta area, wetlands and the coastal zone considering environmental importance of the region and its economic potential drawing upon international experience. Part of the proceeds for the WSIP-I Credit would be used to support these consulting services.

The Consultants would be required to prepare a regional master plan for addressing the flooding issues and providing proper drainage to the area on the left bank of the Indus River through appropriate structural and non-structural measures, including remedial measures for any outstanding deficiencies in the Left Bank Outfall Drainage system, measures for retention and/or safe disposal of drainage, storm and flood water, improvement of wetlands in the delta area and in the coastal zone recognizing their environmental importance and considerable economic potential for the local communities.

These studies would be carried out in consultations with the stakeholders starting from beginning to end covering identification of the issues, analysis and design of solutions. The work will be carried on in phased manner. Each phase would be concluded through consultations and shared understanding with the stakeholders leading to key decision necessary for carrying out work under subsequent phases.

We would like to bring to the attention of all consulting firms that in addition to the application of World Bank guidelines, special measures are undertaken for carrying out selection of all consultancy assignments under this project to improve transparency, accountability and efficiency. Accordingly FAO team, appointed as project Management Consultant / Agent (PMCA) will be responsible for selection of all consultants under the project and also management of the consultancy contracts with the approval of competent authority. These responsibilities include preparation of the shortlists & RFPs, evaluation and award of all the contracts for consultancies under the Project as well as contract administration.

Transparency International Pakistan will reinforce transparency in the procurement process. TIP will participate as an observer in all proposal openings and evaluation committee meetings.

A credible system of handling complaints is put in place, managed by the PMCA with overall oversight of the Project Steering Committee;

A website is established providing latest procurement plan, status of procurement and related information.

The Project will be implemented by Government of Sindh through Sindh Irrigation & Drainage Authority (SIDA).

SIDA now invites interested consultants to indicate their willingness in providing the services. The Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions availability of appropriated skills among staff; etc). Consultants may associate to enhance their capabilities. The joint ventures should be restricted to a maximum of 3 consulting firms and only the short listed firms will subsequently be invited to submit Technical and Financial proposals on the prescribed "Request for Proposal (RFP)".

To prepare a short-list the EoIs would be reviewed based on the following criteria and the short-listed firms will be invited to submit proposals.

- Registration of the firm
- Availability of appropriate skills among staff
- Demonstrated capacity to handle such assignment (Lead firm and)
- Experience in similar tasks.

Consultants may associate to enhance their qualification, but should mention whether the association is in the form of a joint venture i.e. jointly and severally liable thus each firm in the JV should have capacity to carry out the assignments or of sub-consultancy? All members of such an association should have real and well defined inputs to the assignment, and its preferable to limit the total number of firms in the association to three.

Special Instructions:

- Incomplete/partial EoIs will be rejected.
- Interested firm(s) must provide focused information demonstrating that they are qualified to perform the services.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOI, or annul the EOI process at any stage whether and with out incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s)

Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by Bank Borrowers*, May 2004, updated October 2006.

Interested consultants may obtain further information from Background documents at the address given below during the official working hours, as well as through the internet address of SIDA given below.

Expression of Interest must be delivered to the addressed below on or before 18/04/2009.

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