Government of Bihar

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Request for Expression of Interest (Consulting Services – Firms Selection)

Country : India

Name of Project : Bihar Kosi Basin Development Project

Loan No. : Cr. 5696-IN

Assignment : Statutory Audit for the financial year 2016-17

The Government of India has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the Bihar Kosi Flood Recovery Project (BKFRP) (Credit 4802 –IN) and Bihar Kosi Basin Development Project (BKBDP) (Credit 5696-IN). The Bihar Aapda Punarwas Evam Punarirman Society (BAPEPS), a Society established by the Government of Bihar (GoB) and registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 acting as a State Project Management Unit (SPMU) is presently Implementing- (A) BKFRP in three districts of Bihar viz. Saharsa, Madhepura and Supaul and (B) BKBDP in five districts of Bihar viz. Araria, Madhepura, Purnia, Saharsa and Supaul through its implementing agencies namely Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Ltd. (BRPNNL), Bihar Rural Roads Development Agency (BRRDA), Rural Works Department (RWD), Water Resources Department (WRD), Department of Agriculture and Animal and Fisheries Resources Department. BAPEPS intends to engage the services of a Chartered Accountant firm for Statutory Audit of BAPEPS that includes BKFRP & BKBDP for the year 2016-17 extendable up to another one year based on satisfactory performance & mutual consent.

The Chartered Accountant firm will provide separate Audit Reports on the Project Financial Statements for BKFRP and BKBDP and a separate Audit Report on the consolidated Annual Financial Statement for BAPEPS.

The Project Director, BAPEPS, now invites eligible consulting firms i.e. Chartered Accountants ("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 eligibility criteria are: The firm must (a) be empanelled with Comptroller & Auditor General of India (C&AG) for audit of major PSUs; (b) have at least 10 years of existence as a practicing firm including experience in Statutory Audit; (c) have at least 5 full time Partners with at least 2 being fellow CAs (as per ICAI's certificate as on 1.1.2017); (d) have the strength of 15 full time Qualified/Audit staffs (e) have a minimum average annual turnover of Rs. 50 (Fifty Lacs) in the immediately preceding 3 (three) financial years (turnover should be net of service tax); (f) have at least 3 (three) years' experience in audit assignments in Social / Rural Externally Aided Projects / Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Preference will be given to those firms who have carried out Statutory Audits of Govt./Corporate entities in Civil Construction Sector having a turnover of Rs. 25 crores or more in the immediately preceding 3 (three) financial years.

Minimum fees for the audit work will not be less than Rs. 5,10,000/- excluding TA/DA which will be charged and quoted separately.

The Consultants can download the Draft ToR and format for furnishing the above information from **www.bapeps.in** and can obtain further information at the address given below between 10:00 to 17:00 hrs. on working days.

Interested firms must provide details that meet the criteria above, such as organizational profile, its structure, details of qualifications, experience and number of key staff appropriate for the assignment and documentary proof substantiating the credentials claimed. Short listing will be done strictly on the basis of the information provided.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of The World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 – Revised July 2014) ("Consultant Guidelines") setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality & Cost Based Selection Method** (**QCBS**) set out in Consultants Guidelines.

Expression of Interest, titled as "Expression of Interest for Statutory Audit for the financial year 2016-17", must be delivered, in written form (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) to the following address up to dated 8th September' 2017 till 15:30 hrs.

To,

The Project Director,

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Sd/-

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