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EOI No : WBSEDCL/Dist.Project-III/PMC/EOI/ 2020-21/UG/WB/10

Date: 09.02.2021

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

For

Project Management services to support WBSEDCL in works related to conversion of HT and LT Overhead System into Underground Cabling System in 5 towns under Distribution Grid Modernization Project of WBSEDCL



WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION CO. LTD.

(A Government of West Bengal Enterprise)

**Bidyut Bhawan, Block-DJ, Sector-II,
Bidhannagar, Kolkata – 700 091**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES– FIRMS SELECTION)

INDIA

**WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION GRID MODERNIZATION
PROJECT**

Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.: _____

Assignment Title: Project Management services to support WBSEDCL in works related to conversion of HT and LT Overhead System into Underground Cabling System in 5 towns under Distribution Grid Modernization Project of WBSEDCL

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): IN-WBSEDCL-217209-CS-QCBS

The WBSEDCL has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **West Bengal Electricity Distribution Grid Modernization Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include supervision of contracts for Underground Cabling works in 5 towns proposed to be awarded under World Bank funding. In addition to field supervision and progress monitoring (which shall include review of site engineering and design, site supervision, and successful commissioning of assets), the scope shall also include implementation support for social and environment impact management of the projects in line with Environment and Social Management Framework (ESMF) available on WBSEDCL website <https://www.wbsedcl.in>.

The estimated level of effort for the assignment would be approx 919 professional staff-months (both key and non-key experts) over an implementation period of twenty-four (24) months with a provision for extension, if required. The expected start date of assignment is July 1, 2021.

The WBSEDCL 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.

Please note that at this stage only the firm qualifications shall be evaluated, and the qualifications of the key experts will not be evaluated. The Consultants should provide complete details of assignments completed by them indicating clearly the scope of work, duration and status of completion (whether commissioned/handed over or physically completed etc.).

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of an existing or intended 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. Further, one member of the JV shall be nominated as the lead partner.

The firm shortlisting criteria are as follows. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage:

1. Successful completion of at least two contracts for providing project management services for power distribution sector contracts in the preceding seven years (2013-14 to 2019-20) including any of the following works and each supervised contract having value of more than INR 400 crores:

HT/ LT UG cable; Sub-stations; High Voltage Distribution System; Construction of LT/HT overhead lines.

Further, both the contracts must include project management services for supervision of HT (at least 11kV voltage level) and LT UG cabling works.

- i. In case of services provided for State/Central Government departments/undertaking in India, Completion Certificate signed by Officers not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent shall be provided.

2. Experience in environment and social safeguard management of linear infrastructure projects. The consultant must have worked on environment and social safeguard aspects of projects funded by multilateral/bilateral funding agencies, including preparation of Resettlement Action Plans and Forest Clearance proposals. This criterion may be made through a sub-consultant.

3. Minimum Average Annual Turnover (MAAT) of INR100 crores (Rupees one hundred crores) of any three (3) financial years, during the preceding seven (7) years, as demonstrated by Annual Audited Balance Sheet and P&L statements. In case of JV, the lead partner shall meet the MAAT requirement on its own.

A Terms of Reference (TOR) intended for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.

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 [*or insert date of applicable Procurement Regulations edition as per the legal agreement*] ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants will be shortlisted through this EOI, thereafter, a Consultant will be selected through RFP in accordance with the Quality cum Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Expressions of interest must be submitted online to www.wbtenders.gov.in

Key Dates:

1. EOI publication date and time: 09/02/2021, 12:00 Hrs
2. Pre-EOI Discussion Date & Time: 18/02/2021, 12:00 Hrs (Virtual Mode: Interested consultants willing to attend discussion may submit Request to the below mentioned email-id by 15/02/2021, 12:00 Hrs.
3. EOI submission date and time: 26/02/2021, 11:00 Hrs
4. EOI submission End Date & Time: 12/03/2021, 13:30 Hrs
5. EOI Opening Date & Time: 12/03/2021, 14:00 Hrs

Further information can be obtained from the address below during office hours (10.00 to 17.00 hours) (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail):

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