

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Water Resources
Bangladesh Water Development Board



Irrigation Management Improvement Project (IMIP)
Request for Expression Of Interest (EOI)

For

Short listing of International Consulting or Management Companies for:

Irrigation Management Operator (IMO) for Muhuri Irrigation Project (MIP)

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) carried out Project Preparatory Technical Assistance (PPTA) 8154-BAN supported by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and thereafter, signed an agreement for a loan from ADB for the Irrigation Management Improvement Project (IMIP). IMIP is designed to realize the full production potential of large-scale irrigation schemes through the engagement of third party private sector irrigation management operator, supported by rehabilitation and modernization of infrastructure, to develop highly efficient and sustainable irrigated agriculture.
2. The project is designed to be implemented over 5 years from 2015 to 2019. The Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) under the Ministry of Water Resources, GOB will be the Executing Agency (EA). The project incorporates the engagement of an Irrigation Management Operator (IMO) under a management service contract to provide services for Management Operation and Maintenance of the Muhuri Irrigation Project (MIP). The IMO will, in addition, undertake design, construction supervision, and agricultural support services for the Muhuri Irrigation project located in Feni and Chittagong Districts. Companies recruited for the IMIP project management and design consultant (PMDC) are not eligible for the IMO and vice versa as PMDC has the mandate to support BWDB with supervision/administration of the IMO contract.
3. BWDB (through ADB) invites eligible International and National Consulting or Management Companies to submit Expression Of Interest (EOI). Interested companies must be registered in ADB's Consultant Management System (CMS) (<http://cms.adb.org>) and may submit their EOI through the advertisement posted in <http://csrn.adb.org>. The EOI may also be submitted in hard copy to the address of the undersigned. "Expression of Interest (EOI): IMO" should appear on the envelope. **Selection of consultants/management companies shall be based on the Quality- and Cost-based Selection (QCBS) method.** Only shortlisted consultants/companies shall be requested to submit the full technical and financial proposals separately in accordance with ADB guidelines. ADB will undertake the recruitment of IMO on behalf of the government. BWDB retains the responsibility for negotiating and signing the contract with the IMO, issuing the notice to proceed, and supervising their services.¹
4. Interested parties may submit their EOIs as an individual entity, lead consulting firm with sub-consultants, or joint ventures. For joint ventures, the lead firm will be sole representative that

¹ ADB. Project Administration Instructions, Section 2.05, para. 47.

will interact directly with the recruiting party, provided that each and every member of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the performance of the contract. The scope of work and outline Terms of Reference (TOR) can be downloaded from the websites of either BWDB (<http://www.bwdb.gov.bd>) or ADB (<http://csrn.adb.org>), or can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during regular office hours.

5. The short listing will follow the “Guidelines on The Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and Its Borrowers, March 2013” including revisions, if any. All EOIs must be submitted via ADB website (<http://csrn.adb.org>) on or before midnight (Manila time) of 30 December 2014. Hard copies may be submitted for BWDB’s information at the address indicated below during regular office hours.

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