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**Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for
Senior Social Specialist
Under PMU**

Bangladesh

Coastal Embankment Improvement Project, Phase-1(CEIP-1)

Disaster Risk and Climate Change Unit

Sustainable Development Department

Senior Social Specialist

(Contract Package No. CEIP-1/D1/S11)

Credit No-5280- BD

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1. The Government of Bangladesh (GOB) has received financing from International Development Association (IDA) to meet part of the cost of the Coastal Embankment Improvement Project, Phase-1 (CEIP-1). The overall **objective** of the CEIP-1 is to increase the resilience of coastal population to natural disasters and climate change. More specifically, the project aims at (a) reducing the loss of assets, crops and livestock during natural disasters; (b) reducing the time of recovery after natural disaster such as cyclone; (c) improving agricultural production by reducing saline water intrusion which is expected to worsen due climate change; and (d) improving the Government of Bangladesh's capacity to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. This objective will be achieved by **rehabilitating and improving the polder system in the coastal area**. The project is expected to be implemented over 7-8 years. The project is spread over 6 districts in coastal area of Bangladesh, viz., Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Pirojpur, Borguna and Patuakhali.

The Project would be implemented by the Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR), through the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB). BWDB has set up a Project Management Unit (PMU) to oversee the development and execution of the project. The PMU is led by a Project Director and located in BWDB's headquarters in Dhaka. Also, one Field Level Offices (FO), at Khulna has been set up headed by an Executive Engineer. PMU is being assisted by a Detailed Design & Construction and Supervision (DDCS) & Project Management Support (PMS) Consultants and a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Consultants. The PMU will /has appoint/appointed an Independent Panel of Experts (IPOE) to oversee the technical implementation of the project. PMU appointed a Senior Social Specialist who has resigned recently.

Consequently, as part of the PMU, the BWDB plans to hire a highly qualified Senior Social Specialist with sound knowledge and expertise of (i) land acquisition in Bangladesh; (ii) management of social safeguards compliance issues in infrastructure projects under the World Bank Social Safeguards Operational Policy on Involuntary Resettlement (OP 4.12); and (iii) social mobilization for participatory project management.

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2. Key Functions of the Senior Social Specialist:

The overall responsibility of the **Senior Social Specialist** will be to perform the tasks of land acquisition process for selected polders, compensate affected persons, resettle and rehabilitate them through preparation and implementation of Resettlement Action Plans, and supervise and monitor the social mobilization and participatory water management activities. The Scope of Works for the position are as follows;

Task A: Land Acquisition

Task B: Social Impact Assessment and Resettlement Planning

Task C: Implementation of RAPs

Task D: Supervision of Social Mobilization and Participatory Water Management Activities

Details of assignments/ tasks of the Senior Social Specialist are furnished in the Terms of Reference (ToR). Interested Applicant may obtain ToR in the BWDB's official website: www.bwdb.gov.bd.

3. Qualifications and Experiences:

The Senior Social Specialist should have Masters' degree in sociology/ economics/social welfare and any other social sciences with about 15 years of work experience of which at least 7 years should be directly related to the relevant tasks of land acquisition and resettlement. The specialist must have demonstrated sound technical expertise in international good practices on social safeguards and have proven track record of providing social safeguard oversight functions. Knowledge and experience in participatory social research and project management will be useful. Knowledge of World Bank/ Asian Development Bank or similar development partners' processes and guidelines on social safeguards will be necessary. S/he must have excellent communication and writing skills with higher-level computer skills in Windows operating system (Word, Excel, Access, etc.) and other applications.

4. Duration of the Assignment:

Duration of the consultancy services would be for 24 months (twenty months). However the performance for first year will determine the continuity of the contract for the remaining year. The Contract may be extended based on project needs and subject to satisfactory performance of the Consultant.

5. Selection Procedures:

BWDB now seeks the application from eligible applicants to express their interest in providing services (complete CV with detail information about employment history with duties and responsibilities, current remuneration, academic details, major publication(if any), contract address including telephone number and e-mail) . The consultants will be selected in accordance with World Bank Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by the World Bank Borrowers, [January 2011 (Revised July 2014)]. Applicants currently in government service in the client's country may apply only if they satisfy Paragraph 1.13 (d) of the Consultant Guidelines.



6. **Remuneration** : Negotiable
7. Expression of interest (hard copy) must be delivered to the address below by 12-04-2017 in three sets (1 original + 2 copies) and a Soft Copy in CD (in Word Version) clearly marked “Expression of Interest” for the “**Consultancy Services for Senior Social Specialist” under PMU, CEIP-I, (Contract Package No.CEIP-1/D1/S11)**. The applicant (who are in job) shall furnish an undertaking along with their EoI to the effect that he/she will be available to join in CEIP-I, if selected by the client.
8. Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address of the undersigned during normal office hours.
9. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOIs, or annul the process at any stage without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s)



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