

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Water Resources
Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB)
Bangladesh Weather and Climate Services Regional Project (BWCSR)
Component B: Strengthening Hydrological Information Services and Early Warning Systems
(IDA Credit No. 5837 BD)

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)**

Memo No.: WCSR/TR-1/274

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Country: Bangladesh

Name of Project: Bangladesh Weather and Climate Services Regional Project (BWCSR) (Component B: Strengthening Hydrological Information Services and Early Warning Systems)

Credit No: 5837-BD; **Project ID No:** P150220

Assignment Title: Hiring Water Resources System Integrator (WRSI) Consultancy services

Reference No: BWDB-C1

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of Bangladesh Weather and Climate Services Regional Project (BWCSR) to be implemented (Component B) by Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) and intends to apply a part of the proceeds of this credit to pay for the consulting services for Water Resources System Integrator (WRSI).

2. The main objective of this Consultancy is to provide comprehensive support to the BWDB towards modernization of its monitoring network and operations, improvement in hydrological and early warning flood and flash flood forecasting, development of hydro-meteorological information products and services and service delivery. To carry out BWCSR, Component B activities, the BWDB is seeking the services of a Water Resources System Integration (WRSI) Consultancy by a Consulting Firm. The consulting services include:

- Assessment and envisioning leading to a plan, design, and/or specifications;
- Tender preparation for goods, works and services in World Bank format ready for final review and release;
- Terms of Reference preparation for Consultancies required by the project;
- Provide training on several subjects;
- Support to the Project Implementation unit (PIU) at BWDB in contract management, such as the preparation of TOFs as needed, involvement in pre-bid meetings and review, bid evaluation review, and contract/consultancy execution for numerous contracts;
- Provide direct implementation of various programs; and
- Serve as advisor to the Hydrology wing of BWDB during the entire course of the contract.

3. Bangladesh Water Development Board 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. The short-listing criteria are:

- (a) General experience of the Firm(s);
- (b) Experience in similar assignments of compatible size, complexity and technical specialty in the required area;
- (c) Financial soundness of the firm; and
- (d) Staffing and logistics of the firm.

Consultants are requested to submit the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria:

(a) Registration paper of the firm (s); (b) JV agreement/letter of intent (if applicable); (c) Firm's brochure; (d) Audited financial reports for last three years; (e) service experience record (including nature, total cost, total input in terms of man month, employer, location of service etc.).

4. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualification, but should mention whether the association is in the form of a "joint-venture" or of "sub-consultancy". In the case of an association, all members of such "association" should have real and well-defined inputs to the assignment and in such "association" it is preferable to limit the total number of firms including the associates to a maximum of four.

5. The consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 (Revised July 2014)*.

6. It is expected that the services will be commenced tentatively in July 2018 and will be completed in June 2021. Terms of Reference (ToR) will be available in the office of the undersigned and also in the BWDB's website (www.bwdb.gov.bd). Interested consultant may obtain further information from the office of the undersigned from 09:00 to 17:00 hours (Except holidays).

7. Expression of Interest (both hard and soft copy) must be delivered to the address below (in person or by mail) by 14:00 hours (GMT+ 6 hours) on or before May 6, 2018. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason, whatsoever.

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