

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

India

Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: Under Process

Project ID: P168590

Assignment Title: Consulting Services for Preparation of the Environmental Assessment and Management Framework and Site-Specific Environmental Assessments for selected project interventions under the proposed Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project in Chennai Metropolitan Area, Tamil Nadu.

Reference No.: IN-TNSCB-91183-CS-QCBS

The Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, Government of Tamil Nadu has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include preparation of the Environmental Assessment and Management Framework and Site-Specific Environmental Assessments for the Housing Development Sites – In-situ and/or Green Field.

Part A: Preparation of the Environmental Assessment and Management Framework (EAMF). The EAMF should at minimum ensure the following;

1. present a baseline environmental profile of select project areas;
2. identify all relevant potential environmental issues and risks that may arise because of the proposed interventions that it will support, including impacts related to suitability of sites selected for relocations, legacy issues and planned development of sites to communities will be relocated from;
3. specify appropriate roles and responsibilities of involved implementing agencies;
4. develop an assessment methodology for potential sub-projects, that will allow an environmental risk classification and the identification of appropriate safeguards instruments;
5. outline the required procedures for managing and monitoring environmental risks and concerns related to the projects, and develop the TOR for appropriate safeguards instruments (such as, EIAs, EMPs, and / or flood mitigation plans, coastal zone clearances, etc.) as appropriate and required;
6. determine the training, capacity building and technical assistance needed to successfully and effectively develop and implement the required safeguards instruments for investments planned during the project;
7. establish the funding required to implement the EAMF requirements; and

8. provide practical information resources for implementing the EAMF, including guidelines and good practice notes.

Part B- Preparation of the Environmental Assessments (EAs) for the Housing Development Sites – In-situ and/or Green Field. The EAs should at minimum ensure the following;

1. to assess the existing status of environment in the study area and to identify threats and issues which have potential to adversely impact important environmental features of the project influence area;
2. carry out environmental analysis of project area and potential activities envisaged under the project;
3. analyze various options available in the site layout for project interventions, areas of resettlement and arrangements for any ancillary facilities (burrow sites etc.) to minimize adverse impacts and enhance positive impacts, where feasible;
4. prepare a site-specific environmental assessment report by documenting environmental features of the project area, socio-economic and cultural status of community in and around the probable project site. This assessment should also include considerations of safety – both for the workers in the site and related facilities, as well as of nearby residents, especially those that live close to ancillary facilities like burrow areas, for instance;
5. to identify the environmental issues associated with implementation of the infrastructure proposed and develop environmental codes of practices for common activities like site preparation, construction activities, management of waste, occupational health and safety, etc. and exclusion list that need to be followed during various stages such as planning and design finalization, construction and operation and maintenance;
6. to undertake consultations with communities of the project site and neighboring communities understand their views, obtain their input regarding environmental issues, and to take these into account during the preparation of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Environment Management Plans (EMPs);
7. to prepare a detailed final EMPs in matrix form, that will outline actions that will be required during project implementation and operation from an environmental, health and safety, to mitigate envisioned impacts for inclusion in project contracts for implementation.

Note: The Consultant firm shall coordinate with Central and State Government Departments and Agencies to get statutory clearances and approvals for the Project.

The duration of the assignment is 6 (six) calendar months from the date of award of contract.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following websites - www.tnscb.org/procurement/ and www.tenders.tn.gov.in

The Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, Government of Tamil Nadu 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:

1. The Consulting Firm should have at least 5 (five) years experience in Environmental Impact Assessment with Housing / Industry / Infrastructure / Social Sector related projects.
2. The Firm should have developed at least 3 (three) Environmental Impact Assessment Reports in the last 5 (five) years in the Housing / Industry / Infrastructure / Social Sector related projects.
3. Experience in preparation of Environmental Impact Assessment Reports for the Projects funded by World Bank and/or similar International Financial Institutions would be an added advantage.
4. The Firm should have NABL (National Accreditation Board for Laboratories) accredited lab.
5. Average annual turnover of the firm in the last 3 (three) financial years (i.e 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18) shall be at least INR 50 Lakhs (Indian Rupees Fifty Lakhs only).

The lists of documents to be submitted along with the Expressions of Interest are:

1. Name, address, e-mail, telephone along with a note on the ownership, organizational structure and core business area of the consulting firm.
2. Document (s) to demonstrate that the firm is in the business for the last 5 (five) years.
3. Document (s) relating to details of similar assignments executed during the last 5 (five) years in Housing / Industry / Infrastructure / Social Sector related projects.
4. Document (s) relating to availability of NABL accredited lab.
5. Certificate from the statutory auditors / Chartered Accountant stating the year wise annual turnover during the last 3 (three) financial years (i.e 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18).
6. A short write-up on technical and managerial capability of the firm for undertaking assigned but without submission of individual key experts’ bio data.

Note: Key Experts will not be evaluated at the short-listing stage.

Consultant firm may submit other documents considered important, which are not listed above, to justify general qualifications and qualifications relevant to the assignment.

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 (“Procurement Regulations”) Revised November 2017 and August 2018, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a 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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e .10:00 AM to 5:45 PM. (Except holidays).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form along with necessary enclosures to the address below (in person, or by mail or by e-mail) by 21.03.2019 up to 5:45 PM.

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