



Municipal Corporation Shimla Greater Shimla Water Supply & Sewerage circle

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST [CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION]

INDIA-Proposed Shimla Water Supply and Sewerage Project

**Greater Shimla Water Supply and Sewerage Circle, Shimla Municipal Corporation,
Government of Himachal Pradesh**

Project ID : P160862

Reference No. : IN-GSWSSC-15156-CS-INDV

Expression of Interest for Selection of Consulting firm for conducting Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Shimla Water Supply and Sewerage Project

The Government of Himachal Pradesh has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Proposed Shimla Water Supply and Sewerage Project [SWSSP] and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

As part of the GSWSSP, the GSWSSC is commissioning studies to assess and identify potential environmental and social impacts and risks arising out of the project's support to the proposed schemes and recommend actions by which such risks could be mitigated or managed by the project, which includes the preparation of environmental and social management plans. Further the studies shall also provide clear, comprehensive and practical guidance to the GSWSSC on capacity building activities to manage safeguards into project implementation.

The consultancy services ("the services") include carrying out an ESIA for the Proposed water and sanitation infrastructure improvement for Shimla town and its peripheral settlements.

Draft Terms of Reference [TOR] of the consultancy services ["the Services"] is attached herewith.

The Greater Shimla Water Supply and Sewerage Circle 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 successful consultant will establish the project's potential environmental and social impacts, assess the impacts of alternatives and recommend to GSWSSC, the design consultant, and other stakeholders, measures to satisfactorily mitigate the impacts.

The project implementation period is 4 months and commencement is planned for April, 2018.

Interested consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services as may be demonstrated by description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, and availability of appropriate skills among staff and proof of legal status.

The short listing criteria will be:

1. Experience of at least 5 years in consulting business.
2. Should have average turnover of min INR 50 lacs in last three years
3. Experience in similar conditions (Hilly area Experience),
4. Presence of appropriate qualifications & skills among staff in the areas of environmental & social assessment,
5. Experience in at least 3 assignments in ESIA
6. Experience in working with Multilateral funding agencies

The attention of interested Firms is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of section III of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" [July 2016], setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Please clearly state the nature of association while submitting your Expression of Interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the CQS method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e., 10:00AM to 5:00 PM all working days.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below [in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail at email address eewsds@gmail.com and gswssc@gmail.com] latest by 3:00PM on Feb 24, 2018. In the event, this last date being declared as holiday by the State Government, due date for submission of above EoI will be the next working day up till the same appointed time.

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