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Bangladesh
Modern Food Storage Facilities Project (MFSP)
IDA Credit No. 52650-BD

Assignment Title: Integrated Food Policy Research Program

Package No: SD-21

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Research Institute/ Firm (International)

1. The Government of Bangladesh has received for financing from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the Modern Food Storage Facilities Project (MFSP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for the consultancy services.
2. The Government of Bangladesh intends to hire a "Consortium" of a renowned international institution and a renowned national institution to provide a sound analytical basis for guiding its policies and practices on grain procurement, storage, and distribution.
3. The objective of the assignment is twofold: (i) to enhance the institutional capacity in policy and strategic decision making of FPMU and DG Food to carry out their mandates linked to wider food market; (ii) to address analytical gaps and support the development of an evidence-based policy framework to improve the efficiency and performance of the country's overall food storage system and management of strategic grain reserves.
4. The Terms of Reference of the above positions are available in the DG Food Website (www.dgfood.gov.bd), that will provide detailed scope of work and required qualifications and experiences.
5. **Duration of consultancy:** The research program is expected to run for 4 years.
6. **Consultant Selection:** The consultant shall be selected on the basis of the strength its detailed proposal spelling out, among other things:
 - a) Proven international experience with similar types of assignment (policy research on food, agriculture or related area) in collaboration with public agencies
 - b) The proposed methodological approach to the assignment – including data collection methods, analytical tools to be deployed in addressing various research topics, and the dissemination of the research outcomes;
 - c) The proposed work plan – including the phasing of the various activities and production of the various outputs;
 - d) Quality of expertise and composition of the core team to be fielded and the proposed organizational arrangements in to order to successfully accomplish the research and capacity building goals of the assignment
 - e) Proposed plans and strategies for building research to policy uptake capacity of the FPMU and the DG Food
7. **Selection Procedures:** The consulting firm will be selected through **QUALITY BASED SELECTION (QBS)** procedure of World Bank Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants under IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers updated January 2011.
8. Expression of interest (hard copy or soft copy through email) must be delivered to the address below by **05 February 2015**.
9. Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address below during normal office hours or via email or at website www.dgfood.gov.bd.
10. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.

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