Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Project Director Modern Food Storage Facilities Project (MFSP) Directorate General of Food 16 Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka-1000.

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

Assignment Title: Integrated Food Policy Research Program (Research Institute/ Firm)

Package No: SD-21

Re-Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Research / Academic Institution or Firm ('Applicant')

- 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/ firm and a renowned national institution/ firm 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. Shortlisting criteria: EOIs would be reviewed on the basis of the following criteria
 - a. Registration details of the applicant
 - b. Availability of key professional staff
 - c. Annual turnover/budget of the applicant
 - d. Proven track record of policy research in related sectors.
 - e. Experience of the applicant in similar complex assignments
- 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. Last date and time for submission of Expression of Interest (hard copy or soft copy through email) is 4:00 pm31 March2015.
- 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. Those who already applied need not to apply again. Their EOIs will be evaluated based on the criteria mentioned here.
- 11. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.

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