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**General Public Notice for Procurement Opportunity**

**Invitation to a Market Assessment Conference for Jamuna River Sustainable Management  
Project 1 (BIWTA Component)**

The Government of Bangladesh has signed a Financing Agreement with International Development Association (IDA) for financing US\$102 million for Jamuna River Sustainable Management Project 1. The Project will be implemented by three implementing agencies: – (1) Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) under Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR), (2) Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) under Ministry of Shipping (MoS), and (3) Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) under Ministry of Finance (MoF). These agencies will implement the “**Jamuna River Sustainable Management Project 1**” with the help of IDA financing of US\$ 102 million. The main goal of the project is to increase capacity for flood management and navigation along the Jamuna River. The proposed investment is structured as a Multi-Phase Approach for two phases. The two phased investment program is expected to be implemented over a period of about eight years till 30 June 2029. Under the investment program, flood and erosion management and innovative river training measures will be implemented by Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) at priority flood/erosion prone reaches, and navigation improvement will be implemented between Sirajganj and upstream Bangladesh border near Doikhawa by Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) over successive phases. The Phase-1 will provide, i) innovative river training pilots at suitable locations; ii) procurement of aids to navigation equipment and vessels; iii) disaster risk financing tools development and field testing; iv) institutional capacity building; and v) preparation of Phase-II works. The Phase-2 will execute the main investment on: i) flood management and river training infrastructures; ii) navigation improvement including dredging; iii) disaster risk financing; iv) institutional capacity building. BWDB, BIWTA, and IDRA are the executing agencies of the program while BWDB will be the lead agency.

Under the project, the BIWTA will procure goods, works and consulting services to achieve the above goal. The major procurement items are: (i) Supply, installation and operation of Aids to Navigation; Supply, installation and operation of river information system (RIS) maturity level D+ in Jamuna River; (ii) Procurement of 2 nos. hydrographic survey vessels with equipment; (iii) 3 nos. buoy handling vessels and 5 nos. fast transit vessels for Jamuna River; (iv) Procurement of 1 no prototype self-propelled barge and 2 nos. prototype floating jetties; and (v) Procurement of course infrastructure, tools, equipment and software.

Procurement under the project will be carried out in accordance with the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, November 2020 (the “WB Procurement Regulations”) and the provisions stipulated in the Legal Agreement, Project Procurement Strategy for Development (PPSD) and the procurement plan. The project will be subject to the World Bank’s Anticorruption Guidelines, dated October 15, 2006, and revised in January 2011 and July 2016. The evaluation of bids/proposals and contract signing procedure shall follow the Public Procurement Rules, 2008 of Bangladesh and the World Bank Regulations.

While the project is under implementation stage, it is planned that the procurement of large works packages for the project will commence very soon. As part of designing a fit-for-purpose Project Procurement Strategy for Development (PPSD), the BIWTA proposes to conduct market engagement to understand market context and get the right suppliers/service providers.

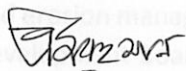


To this end, the BIWTA hereby invites interested suppliers, manufacturers, and service providers for a 1.5-hour Market Sounding Conference for each category from 10:00 am on July 18, 2024 at the Conference Room, BIWTA, Dhaka.

The objectives of the conference are twofold: (1) to relay general information of the project to, contractors/suppliers/service provider, present details of the project components, details of procurement strategy including selection methods, proposed contract models, expected procurement packages and implementation arrangements; and (2) to receive feedback from the contractors on procurement approach and strategy, contract implementation challenges, procurement risks and mitigation measures, suitability and sustainability of the proposed procurement design, and any other information deemed necessary for the successful implementation of the Project. These consultations are part of procurement preparation and to develop fit for purpose PPSD to achieve value for money based on market engagement and the market information.

The BIWTA strongly encourages potential contractors to participate in this process and to use the meeting as an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments/feedback regarding this upcoming project procurement opportunities. To help developing a better understanding of the market, please email us the filled-up Market Survey Form available at the website [www.biwta.gov.bd](http://www.biwta.gov.bd) while confirming your attendance in the conference.

To confirm your attendance, please email [pdjamunac2@gmail.com](mailto:pdjamunac2@gmail.com) by 12:00 PM on July 16, 2024.

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