

Bangladesh Land Port Authority (Ministry of Shipping)

Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1: Development of Sheola, Bhomra, Ramgarh Land Ports and Up-gradation of Security System of Benapole Land Port. (IDA Credit No. 6002 BD)

Subject: **Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for Social Specialist (National) (Contract Package BLPA S-7).**
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The Government of The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a USD 150 million Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) – a member of the World Bank Group – for financing the cost of the *Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project 1* (BRCP-1), being jointly implemented by the Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA), National Board of Revenue (NBR) and Ministry of Commerce. Now the BLPA intends to apply part of the IDA Credit for procuring the services of a Social Specialist for its Project Implementation Unit (PIU).

2. The Scope of Services:

The main objective of appointing the **Social Specialist** is to make available technical expertise within PIU on social mobilization and social safeguards compliance under the national and the World Bank guidelines. The Social Specialist will assist PIU in land acquisition, preparation and implementation of Resettlement Action Plans for selected land ports following the Social Management and Resettlement Policy Framework of the Project, and the supervision of tasks related to social mobilization and participation in the project area. He should not have any conflict of interest while working and should keep all the project information confidential. Detail scope of works (Terms of Services) and other information will be available upon request from the address provided below, either through email or in person. TOR is also available in BLPA's website (www.bsbk.gov.bd).

3. General Qualification and Experience:

- Master's in social science or related subject. Further trainings on relevant topics will be preferred
- 10 years of minimum experience as social safeguard specialist for infrastructural (civil engineering) projects and a minimum experience of 5 years directly related to the relevant tasks of land acquisition and resettlement for works of similar nature and complexity

4. Specific skills and Experience:

- Experience of conducting Social Impact Assessment, preparing Environmental and Social Safeguard Framework and Indigenous People's Development Plan as per the requirements of Government of Bangladesh and development funding agencies is highly desired
- Excellent communication and writing skills with higher-level computer skills.

5. The Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA) now invites eligible applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services. The applicants are requested to submit their: (a) CV (*Curriculum Vitae*) with recent photograph; (b) expected remuneration with a cover letter.

6. The Social Specialist will be selected in accordance with World Bank's "World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016)". It is expected that the Consultant's service will commence by the end of September 2018 at BLPA Head Office, Dhaka. Duration of the consultancy services would be 33 (thirty three) months. The assignment will require travel to project sites as and when necessary.

7. Expression of Interest (EOI) shall be submitted by **July 12, 2018 upto 5:00 pm** either in sealed envelope clearly marked "Expression of Interest (EOI) for Social Specialist (National)" in the email's subject line or on top of the envelope through email sent to the undersigned address. EOIs received after the last date of submission will not be considered for short listing

8. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOI without assigning any reason, whatsoever.

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