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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

Country : Bangladesh
Name of the Project : Learning Acceleration in Secondary Education (LAISE)
Credit No : 74120-BD
Assignment Title : **Reviewing the Pilot Program of Introducing Vocational Courses in 640 General Schools/Madrasahs**
Package no : SD-18

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Technical Assistance Facility under the Learning Acceleration in Secondary Education (LAISE) Program and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include evaluating the design, implementation, and outcomes of the vocational education pilot program implemented in 640 general schools and madrasahs under the Secondary Education Sector Investment Program (SESIP) of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE), and providing evidence-based findings and recommendations to support policy decisions on scaling up vocational education within the general secondary education system in Bangladesh.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.dshe.gov.bd or can be obtained at the address given below. The duration of the assignment will be about 06 (Six) months. The assignment is expected to commence in December 2026.

The Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education now invites eligible 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. Expressions of Interest will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- General Experience of the Firm (core business and years in business).
- Experience in similar assignments of compatible size, complexity and technical specialty in the required area. Experience in development partner-financed contracts will be considered an advantage.
- Firm's in-house staffing resources with relevant expertise (extent of relevant expertise available among the staff who are on the firm's regular payroll).
- Firm's relevant organizational capabilities for the assignment.

Key Experts will not be evaluated during the assessment of Expressions of Interest.

Consultants are requested to submit but not limited to, the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria:

(a) The Firm's Incorporation/Trade/Registration documents from the country of the firm; (b) JV agreement/letter of intent (if applicable); (c) Firm's brochure; (d) description of experience of similar assignments including nature, scope of services, contract amount, total input in terms of man month, name of employer, period of contract, funding agency(s), location /country of service etc.; and (e) list of the firm's in-house/regular staff with relevant expertise.

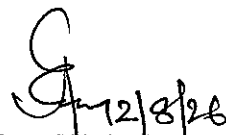
The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016, revised November 2020, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. The qualifications and experience of sub-consultants will not be considered during the assessment of Expressions of Interest. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. So, each partner of the JV must be reasonably qualified in terms of assessment criteria. In case of an association, the Consultants must explain in the EOI submission (a) the rationale for forming the association and (b) the anticipated role and relevant qualifications of each member of the Joint Venture and/or of each sub-consultant for carrying out the assignment, to justify the proposed inclusion of the JV members and/or sub-consultants in the association. Failure to provide the above explanation in the Expression of Interest may affect the Consultant's consideration for the assignment.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualification-based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 9:00 to 16:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 17:00 hours BST on 03 September 2026.



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