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Local Government Engineering Department

Climate and Disaster Resilient Small-Scale Water Resources Management Project

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**Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)
for**

"Package No. CS-10: Market Assessment Study for 10 Commodities" (Firm) (National)

1. The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) under the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, has been allocated public fund from the the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD), and the Government of The Netherlands (GoN) toward the cost of Climate and Disaster Resilient Small-Scale Water Resources Management Project (CDRSSWRMP). A portion of the GoB and GoN fund is intended to be used for payments under the contract for Market Assessment Study for 10 Commodities for which this Request for Expression of interest (REOI) is being issued.
2. The overall objective of the project is to strengthen flood and drought risk management, modernize irrigation, and enhance climate resilience across 42 districts covering over 220,000 hectares. It will establish 150 new water management cooperative associations, support 230 existing ones, and reconstruct the Bakkhali rubber dam, while improving agribusiness and livelihoods for 380,000 households, including women, vulnerable groups, and small ethnic communities. The initiative aims to boost agricultural productivity and inclusive participation in disaster-prone areas that house most of the country's rural poor. The Project adopts an integrated approach that combines infrastructure improvement with enhanced community participation, improved agricultural production systems, and market-oriented livelihood development to maximize socio-economic benefits from improved water management.
3. The main scope of the assignment for the Consultant (Package No. CS-10) is to conduct a market assessment and agribusiness investment planning study for 10 commodities across 12 representative subprojects in Bangladesh's Barind, Haor, and Coastal regions. The Consultant will analyze market demand, value chains, production systems, post-harvest management, mechanization, and institutional capacity of WMCAs, and identify and prioritize commercially viable investment opportunities. Apart from core value chain and market system study of the selected 10 commodities, the scope also includes preparing SP WMCA-specific Agribusiness Business Plans with financial analysis, implementation arrangements, and risk assessment, along with recommendations to strengthen market linkages and promote gender equality. The team will be led by a Market Systems Development Specialist/Team Leader and supported by experts in agronomy, aquaculture, mechanization, institutional development, and gender, with the assignment lasting 6 calendar months.
4. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) now invites national eligible consulting Firm to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) for providing the required services.
5. The consulting Firm should be nationally reputed and may associate with other Firms to enhance their qualifications. No Firm should form more than one association or joint venture (JV). If a Firm submits more than one EOI forming more than one JV/association, all EOIs submitted by forming JV/association with that Firm and also EOI submitted by that Firm will be rejected.
6. The Consultant will be selected under Consultant's Qualifications Selection (CQS 80:20) method in accordance with the procedures set out in the ADB Procurement Policy 2017 ("Policy") and the Procurement Directive for ADB Borrowers 2026.:



<https://www.adb.org/documents/adb-procurement-policy>

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'Short-listing' of the Consulting Firms submitting Expression of Interest (EOI) will be done by Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) based on the complete information submitted in the Standard EOI form by the intending Consulting Firms through the CMS system as mentioned in sl. 8. Intending Consulting Firms shall have, but not limited to the following competences-

a) Management competence: The firm shall demonstrate proven management capacity, including effective team mobilization and coordination, QA systems, financial and administrative management, logistical planning for multi-location fieldwork, and timely delivery of quality outputs, with experience in managing similar consulting assignments for MDB-funded projects.

b) Technical Competence of the Firm:

- i. Specialization in market assessment, value chain analysis, agribusiness development, and market systems development (MSD) approaches in agricultural and fisheries sectors;
- ii. Experience in conducting comprehensive market studies, preparing agribusiness investment plans and bankable business plans, assessing post-harvest management and mechanization needs, and strengthening institutional capacity of Water Management Cooperative Associations (WMCAs) or similar community-based producer organizations;
- iii. Experience in projects funded by MDBs (ADB, IFAD, World Bank, etc.) with proven compliance in financial management, safeguards, results-based reporting, and preparation of investment-ready business plans with sound financial analysis (NPV, IRR, BCR);
- iv. Demonstrated capacity in gender-responsive programming, social inclusion, and women's livelihood development, along with a track record in stakeholder consultation, multi-disciplinary team management, and knowledge management/documentation.

c) Geographic Competence: Experience in similar geographic context in Bangladesh with knowledge of climate-resilient agriculture and local markets.

7. Only EOIs submitted electronically through ADB's Consultant Management System (CMS) using ADB template will be evaluated. EOI submitted using other than ADB templates will not be evaluated.
8. Interested consulting Firms are requested to submit the Expression of Interest (EOI) electronically, using standard EOI template available through ADB's Consultant Management System by 11:59 PM (Manila Local Time) and by 09:59 PM (Dhaka Local Time) on or before **09 October, 2026** through the link of <http://csrn.adb.org> [Project Name: Climate and Disaster Resilient Small-Scale Water Resources Management Project (CDRSSWRMP), Package Name: Market Assessment Study for 10 Commodities, Package Number: SD-9 (ADB Package- CS-10) of CMS of ADB. Please note that only on-line submission of EOIs in ADB's CMS is allowed. All offline or manual EOI submission is not permissible and will not be considered.
9. Only the short-listed Firms will be invited to submit Request for Proposal (RFP) for Technical & Financial Proposals to be submitted later on. However, a shortlisted consulting Firm will not be allowed to submit more than one proposal. If it is found that a shortlisted consulting firm submits more than one proposal as single firm or by forming JV/association with other shortlisted Firms, all proposals involving that firm and also proposal submitted individually by that firm will be rejected. Moreover, shortlisted Firms will not be allowed to form JV/association with Firms not shortlisted by Proposal Evaluation Committee (PEC) of LGED.
10. Under no circumstances, ADB or LGED will be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the Firm(s) in connection with the preparation or submission of the EOI. Interested consulting Firm(s) is/are requested to submit relevant documentary evidences in support of their competence in EOI submission.
11. Interested consulting Firm(s) may obtain further information including Scope of Works and Terms of Reference (ToR) from the Consultant Management System on the ADB's site at <http://csrn.adb.org> or from the office of the undersigned during regular office hours on all working days before deadline of submission. The EOI notice will also be available at the following websites www.lged.gov.bd and www.bppa.gov.bd.
12. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs received without assigning any reason thereof.



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