

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

The People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Local Governance Support Project-3 (LGSP-3)  
Credit No.5946-BD

**Assignment Title:** Request for Expressions of Interest for Selection of Audit Firm for Annual External Financial Audit and Performance & Safeguards Compliance Assessment of Pilot Pourashavas.

### Reference No. S-50

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Local Governance Support Project-3 (LGSP-3), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include the financial audit and Fiduciary & safeguards compliance assessment of FY 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 of Pilot Pourashava are: **Financial audit:** (i) Examination of the annual financial statements of Pourashavas and express opinion on whether their financial statements present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Pourashavas and of their financial performance for the year under audit in accordance with the relevant laws, rules and regulations prescribed by the Government of Bangladesh for the accounting and financial reporting of Pourashavas; (ii) Express opinion on the adequacy of the internal controls practiced by the Pourashavas in compliance to the standard financial procedures established by the Government of Bangladesh; **Performance Review:** (iii) Measure the performance of Pourashavas in a range of PFM-related areas and provide opinion on overall performance of each Pourashava; **Assessment of compliance with environmental and social safeguards:** (iv) Provide assurance on Pourashava's compliance with procedures for and policies on environment and social safeguards, as per pre-determined methodology and indicators for 16 selected Pourashavas; **Preparation of Database:** (v) Using the prescribed format prepare data base on financial information and fiduciary & safeguard compliance (in Excel). The data base will be a snapshot of performance and compliance level of the Pourashavas. The implementation period will be up to 31.12.2021 with expected date of start of the assignment from March, 2019 [Please refer to the Terms of Reference (TOR) for details].

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: [www.lgsplgd.gov.bd](http://www.lgsplgd.gov.bd) or [www.lgd.gov.bd](http://www.lgd.gov.bd) or can be obtained at the address given below.

The Local Governance Support Project-3 (LGSP-3), representing Local Government Division (LGD) of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives (MoLGRD&C) now invites eligible consulting 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. The criteria for shortlisting of the firm are:

- Registration/Certificate of Practice and Establishment Certificate from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB);
- Core business and age in the business;
- Experience in similar assignments;
- Experience in other works; and
- Technical & managerial capability and Logistics.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), 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. 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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Fixed Budget Selection (FBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1700 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail) by 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.



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