



Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)

Hiring of consultancy firm for implementation of a comprehensive inter-operability framework and associated rules and regulations

Country: Pakistan

Project: Punjab Resource Improvement and Digital Effectiveness (PRIDE)

Credit No: 9170-PK

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Assignment title: Implementation of a comprehensive inter-operability framework and associated rules and regulations

Contract Type: Lumpsum

Program Implementation Unit, Planning & Development Board, Government of Punjab, under the Technical Assistance (TA) component of Program Support Unit, Punjab Resource Improvement and Digital Effectiveness (PRIDE) program intends to hire eligible firm for "Implementation of a comprehensive inter-operability framework and associated rules and regulations". For this purpose, eligible consulting firms or association of firms (in joint venture) are invited to participate in the shortlisting process.

Interested Consultants (firms) should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the subject services.

Short listing Criteria:

- i. The consultants/ firms must have 05 years relevant working experience in legal frameworks related to data governance, technical assessments of IT systems, data communication standards, API integration, system architecture, and security protocols. Proven experience in implementing interoperability frameworks in government, private sector or similar complex environments. A strong understanding of international data protection standards, data governance, privacy, and security regulations. **(letter of incorporation of the firms will be required).**
- ii. The Consultants/firms must have completed at least three (3) similar projects in public sector or private sector of comparable scale and complexity (copies of verifiable of similar nature of contracts with copies of notification of award and / or contracts and full address and contact information of the employer).
- iii. The Consultants/firms should demonstrate sufficient HR / managerial capacity and technical expertise in the areas covered in the TORs.

Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrower for Selection and Employment of Consultants 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. 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.

Firm will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulation July 2016 (Revised November 2017 and August 2018).

The REOI and Terms of Reference (TORs) for the assignment can be download from the website: <https://piu.punjab.gov.pk/> or can also be obtained at the address given below during office hours (0900 to 1700) - Monday to Friday-. Expressions of Interest (EOI) may be delivered in written form to the address given below on or before **February 16, 2024 (4:00 PM)**.

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