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Export Competitiveness for Jobs (EC4J) Project
Ministry of Commerce

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Consulting Services – Firms Selection

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Export Competitiveness for Jobs Project

Credit No: IDA 6042

Assignment Title: Consulting Services to Develop Environmental, Social and Quality (ESQ) Training Modules, Conduct ToT and Certification for Leather, Leather Goods, Footwear, Plastics and Light Engineering Sectors in Bangladesh

Reference No.: S46

The Ministry of Commerce (MoC) of the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Export Competitiveness for Jobs (EC4J) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The objective of this assignment is to prepare seven customized ESQ Training Modules and conducting ToT for the corresponding sectors in seven thematic areas in order to train relevant industry personnel to be able to impart ESQ training at the factory level following the modules. The consultant will also facilitate establishing a recognized certification system for the ESQ trainings.

The consulting services ("the Services") include but not limited to:

- Prepare customized training modules for the seven thematic areas that mentioned in the ToR that illustrate the basic concepts and requirements of the Environmental, Social and Quality Compliance;
- Prepare the corresponding teaching aids.
- Develop an easy-to-follow training delivery instruction manual
- Prepare a nondiscriminatory and inclusive selection criterion for ToT participants and facilitate sector associations to select and propose the names;
- Communicate, consult and coordinate with the relevant sector associations, industry experts and other stakeholders to obtain their feedback on the modules and training kits;
- Organize validation workshops, incorporate the recommendation and finalize the modules;
- Conduct 23 batches of ToT (each batch comprising of twenty participants) in the four targeted sectors as indicated in the table-1 of ToR in consultation with the sector associations and relevant training organizations;
- Review the modules after the first batch of ToT in each area and update the modules based on the feedbacks;
- Develop a framework to establish recognized certification system by the respective Industry Skills Council (ISC) for the corresponding ESQ trainings to be imparted by the ToT trainers;
- Orient the relevant sector associations and training organizations to be able to understand the delivery system mechanism of basics of ESQ trainings at the factory level;

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment and prescribed format (Format-A) to submit EOI can be downloaded from www.ec4j.gov.bd website or can be obtained upon request from the address below either by e-mail or in person during the office hours.

The Export Competitiveness for Jobs Project under Ministry of Commerce, Government of Bangladesh 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 short-listing criteria are:

- Legal capacity to enter into the contract
- Experience in developing training modules and providing ToT with their in-house experts in the last 5 years.
- The consultant must have extensive professional experience and hands-on expertise in designing and managing ESQ related or similar such professional training program in the relevant/ industry sectors.
- Sound knowledge on Bangladesh trade and commerce, their stakeholders and their technical knowhow, ESQ compliance requirement would be considered as an added valuable asset.
- The consultant should have available key experts in the assigned area for developing similar training modules and conducting ToT courses.

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 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 Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 15 June 2020 within 3 PM.



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