

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Consulting Services – Firms Selection

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Export Competitiveness for Jobs Project

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Assignment Title: Consulting Services to Conduct Specialized Trainings on Environmental, Social and Quality (ESQ) for Leather, Leather Goods, Footwear, Plastics and Light Engineering Sectors in Bangladesh

Reference No.: S47

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 conduct specialized ESQ training in the specific areas for the corresponding sectors as indicated in the ToR in order to build the professional skill sets of the relevant industry personnel so that they can excel in those profession and positively contribute in the development of the industry.

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

- Collect and review the course outlines offered by national and international organizations/institutions that matches the eleven thematic area indicated in the ToR, and are aligned to fulfill the professional competency requirements and purpose of the ESQ trainings;
- Shortlist 2/3 best available options for each course and consult with the relevant sector associations and industry experts for their feedbacks;
- Customize the course outline that best fits the requirements of the industry;
- Select the courses, associated training providers and resource persons to impart the listed specialized ESQ trainings;
- Establish a close collaboration with the respective sector associations in order for smooth training delivery;
- Arrange resource and necessary training logistics to organize the planned trainings including visa, accommodation, etc. for the foreign resource persons, as needed;
- Prepare the corresponding teaching aids/handouts, lesson plans, learning materials, etc.;
- Provide stationaries, practice materials to the trainees as required for the trainings;
- Conduct 21 batches (each batch comprising of twenty participants) of specialized ESQ training in the four targeted sectors as indicated in the table-1 of ToR in collaboration with the sector associations and relevant training organizations;
- The modules of the specialized ESQ training should be selected and customized in a manner it can easily be transformed into personalized, self-paced and interactive learning course in future.
- Provide professional certificate issued by the training provider to the trainees who have successfully completed the respective ESQ training;

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:

- The Consultant should have the legal capacity to enter into the contract
- 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 during the last 5 years.
- A sound understanding of Bangladesh export markets, customers and their technical knowhow requirements would be a valuable asset.
- The Consultant must have in-house resources for conducting similar Training 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 Fixed Budget Based Selection (FBS) 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 16 June 2020 within 3 PM.



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