

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Export Competitiveness for Jobs Project  
Ministry of Commerce, Dhaka.

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REQOI)**  
**(Consulting Services – Firms Selection)**

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**BANGLADESH**  
**Export Competitiveness for Jobs Project**  
Credit No: IDA 6042

**Assignment Title: Feasibility Study of Technology Centres for Light (General) Engineering Sector in Bangladesh**

Reference No.: S-29

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 the assignment is to conduct a feasibility assessment for the establishment of three technology centres that will facilitate access to various advanced technology and business services which in turn will drive productivity enhancement, skills formation, improvement of product quality, and environmental and social compliance of the specific subsectors of General Engineering.

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

- (i) Technology demonstration and use – housing modern manufacturing equipment and processes, and providing their access to SMEs for demonstration and use (e.g. for small batches);
- (ii) Address the skills gaps by providing hands-on training to the technical workforce on new production technologies and processes;
- (iii) Business advisory services – including production and technology upgradation, product design, improvement of social and environmental compliance, change management, improvement of financial and administrative management, etc.;
- (iv) Internationally accredited machinery, product and component testing and certification services (another potential revenue source);
- (v) Supply chain and market development services.

The brief Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment and soft copy of prescribed format (Format-A) can be downloaded from the URL Adresse: [www.ec4j.gov.bd](http://www.ec4j.gov.bd) or can be obtained upon request from the address below either by e-mail or in person during the office hours (Local Time: 09:00 to 17:00 hours).

The 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 strong international capabilities in and proven track record of carrying out feasibility assessment/establishing similar technology centres and their operational aspects including the institutional set-up.

- The Consultant must also have demonstrated expertise in the targeted subsectors within the General Engineering sector/ subsectors.
- It is important to demonstrate that the high level of technical/subject matter expertise along with local knowledge, and language capabilities are available.
- It is highly recommended that the proposed team has strong presence on the ground during the execution of the assignment to ensure effective and efficient coordination with the Project team.
- The Consultant may choose to carry out the feasibility assessment using its own organizational resources, or to partner with a local or international firm/s. Partnerships between international and local firms combining multi-dimensional technical expertise and experience of establishing technology centres per the requirement of the Scope of Work is strongly encouraged.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the short listing 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 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 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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 30 September 2018 within 15:00 hours (Local Time).



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