

**বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ** Bangladesh Land Port Authority স্থলবন্দর ভবন এফ-১৯/এ, শেরেবাংলা নগর, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকা। <u>www.bsbk.gov.bd</u>



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বিষয়: 'South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Integrated Trade Facilitation Sector Development Project: BLPA Part' শীর্ষক প্রকল্পের 'Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)' বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষের নিজস্ব Website এ প্রকাশকরণ প্রসলো।

উপর্যুক্ত বিষয়ের প্রেক্ষিতে জানানো যাছে যে, বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষের আওতায় 'South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Integrated Trade Facilitation Sector Development Project: BLPA Part' শীর্ষক প্রকল্পটি বান্তবায়নাধীন রয়েছে। উক্ত প্রকল্পের আওতায় Internal Audit Cosulting Services সেবা গ্রহণের নিমিত্ত Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) বিজ্ঞপ্তি বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষের নিজস্ব Website এ প্রকাশের জন্য অনুমোদিত বিজ্ঞপ্তির কপি এই সাথে প্রেরণ করা হলো।

<u>সংযুক্তি:</u> বর্ণনামতে।

পরিচালক (প্রশাসন) বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ ঢাকা।

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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR INTERNAL AUDIT CONSULTING SERVICES (Firms selection) [Consultants' Qualification Selection] [National] [Lump-sum based]

Project Title: Loan 4178-BAN: South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Integrated Trade Facilitation Sector Development Project: BLPA Part

Assignment: Internal audit consulting services

Package No: BLPA/CS-01

- 1. The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan [Loan 4178-BAN] from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to partly finance the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Integrated Trade Facilitation Sector Development Program (SDP). The Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA) under Ministry of Shipping and the National Board of Revenue (NBR) under the Internal Resource Division of Ministry of Finance will implement the project part of the SDP.In the BLPA part, Akhaura and Tamabil land ports will be improved in a integrated way with Land Customs Station. Part of project financing will be used to engage an Internal Audit Consulting Services firm for the BLPA part of the project.
- The PIU of "SASEC Integrated Trade Facilitation Sector Development Project: BLPA Part" ("the Client"), now invites Expression of Interest (EOI) in English from reputed eligible national consulting firms ("the interested Consultant") for short-listing in order to provide consulting services in the area of "Internal audit consulting services".
- 3. The scope of the consulting services ("the Services") is to carry out internal audit for full financial year on semi-annual basis in accordance with the relevant national & international standards of auditing and will include such tests and controls as the auditor considers necessary under the circumstances as outlined in the Development Project Proposal (DPP) of GOB and Project Administrative Manual (PAM) of ADB.
- 4. The objectives of the internal audit are to (i) review the adequacy of the project financial management arrangements, and (ii) provide the project management with timely information on financial management aspects of the project to enable appropriate corrective / follow-up action. The Internal Auditor shall be responsible for internal checks and controls to ensure credibility and efficacy of the systems/procedures for project management aimed at transparency and compliance to the relevant guidelines/rules. Details tasks and responsibilities of Consultant are available in Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Services.
- 5. The PIU will conduct the short-listing along with ranking of the interested consulting firms for the Services. The firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The key qualifications and experiences of the Consulting firms required are as follows:
  - (a) Must be a Qualified Chartered Accountant firm;
  - (b) Should have preferably, minimum 10 years of progressive experience related to auditing in public/private, preferably, development sector; and

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- (c) Experience of preparing accounting and audit statements/reports for large projects, preferably foreign/donor funded projects.
- 6. Expected date for commencement of the Services is December 2023 and it is to be implemented over 42 calendar months from the commencement date.
- 7. The Consulting Firm will be selected in accordance with the Consultants' Qualification Selection (CQS) method following the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).
- According to the latest ADB procurement regulations, the REOI for this Consultant Service has been published electronically in the ADB Consultant Management System (CMS) which can be accessed through the following link:

## https://selfservice.adb.org/OA\_HTML/adb/xxcrs/jsp/ADBCsrnFwd.jsp?sel=188081

The interested consulting firms are hereby advised to access the REOI through the above link. If any contradiction is found between ADB CMS website notice and newspapers & other website notice, the information on CMS notice shall prevail. The Consultants shall have to submit their EOIs electronically through the ADB CMS by 11:59 PM (Manila local time) on 06 June 2023. For technical inquiries/assistance, the interested consulting firms may seek advice by emailing to the following email address: cmshelp@adb.org.

- 9. Offline submission of EOIs is NOT allowed.
- 10. A Consulting Firm may associate with other firms to enhance its qualifications, clearly indicating whether the association is in the form of a Joint Venture (JV) or a sub-consultancy. In case of a JV, all the partners in the JV shall be individually and jointly liable for the entire contract. The EOI should mention the qualifications and experiences of each member of the association as well as contribution of each member in delivering the Services. If a Joint Venture submits an EOI, they must submit a Memo of Intent to form a Joint Venture that explicitly identifies the lead entity entitled to conduct all business on behalf of the joint venture and commits to submitting a joint venture agreement on required terms and conditions if shortlisted.
- 11. The Consulting services contract award and signing will be subject to ADB's approval. The EOI submitted by a consulting firm will be rejected if it or its associated firm has been debarred by GoB or the ADB.
- 12. Further information can be obtained at the address of the undersigned given below during office hours preferably by email.
- 13. The Client will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the Firm(s) in connection with the preparation or submission of the EOI.
- 14. The Client reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reason.

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