

ASSAM INLAND WATER TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FOR

HIRING OF SAFEGUARDS CONSULTANT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL ASSESSMENT STUDIES UNDER ASSAM INLAND WATER TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (AIWTDS)

Country : ASSAM, INDIA

Name of Project : ASSAM INLAND WATER TRANSPORT PROJECT [AIWT]

Assignment Title : Hiring of Safeguards Consultant for Environmental and Social Assessment Studies for Assam Inland Water Transport Project

The Government of Assam through the Government of India has applied financing from the World Bank (WB) towards the cost of the AIWT Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The project aims to modernize and upgrade the Inland Water Transport sector in the state.

The objectives of this consultancy services are to separately carry out Environmental Assessment (EA) and Social Assessment (SA) studies for the proposed Assam Inland Water Transport Project, in accordance with applicable World Bank, National and Assam state Government requirements on environmental, social, health and safety management.

The draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for this assignment can be found at www.iwtdirectorate.assam.gov.in and key tasks are as following:

A. Environment Assessment (EA) Studies

- i. Environmental Scoping Report for proposed studies, including proposed outlines, to be subjected to initial upstream stakeholder consultations.
- ii. Environmental Screening and Analysis of Project Alternatives at Feasibility Stage for passenger (including cargo) from a list of 10 pre-selected existing ghats/landing points.
- iii. An Environmental Management Framework (EMF) spanning the range of all potential future investments which may be fully designed and taken up under the Project, based on a screening and initial assessment of potential environmental issues and impacts.
 - a. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), including Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and relevant inputs to bid documents / BOQs, for the highest priority investments as a part of project preparation.
 - b. A Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) Report for the overall project.
 - c. Non-technical summaries of each individual document shall also translate into appropriate local language(s).

B. Social Assessment (EA) Studies

- i. Social Scoping Report for Proposed Studies, including proposed outlines, to be subjected to initial upstream stakeholder consultations in the early stages of documentation development.
- ii. Social Screening and Analysis of Project Alternatives/Preliminary Assessment at Feasibility Stage for pre-identified 10 ghats/landing points.
- iii. Social Impact Assessment (SIA), including, Social Management Plan (SMP), Indigenous Peoples Plan (IPP) and Resettlement Action Plan or RAP, (where needed) for the highest priority investments as part of project preparation.
- iv. Labor influx risk assessment, including preparation of labor influx mitigation plan.
- v. Non-technical summaries of each individual document shall also translate into appropriate local language(s).

C. Overall Executive Summary of EIA & SIA Reports and Disclosure of Public Consultation and Stakeholders Meetings for all Studies

The Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The criteria for short listing of Consultants are:

- i) The Consultant should have sound financial performance with average annual turnover of **INR 1.5 Cr or more** for the last 3 financial years (2014-2015, 2015-2016 & 2016-2017). This shall be substantiated by submitting Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement/Annual Report.
- ii) The Consultant must have proven experience of successful completion of **at least 4 (Four)** similar assignments¹, out of which **at least 2 (Two)** shall be with Government departments/agencies/PSU’s in the **last 7 years** prior to the last date of submission of EOI.
Submission of completion certificate for the same is mandatory. The completion certificate shall bear client's name and address, value of the work executed by the consultant, Start and end of the project.
- iii) The Consultant must have a multidisciplinary in-house technical team and expert staff available & shall submit the list and detailed CV’s of key personal likely to be deployed on the project.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers January, 2011 [revised July, 2014: Consultant Guidelines], setting forth the World Bank’s Policy on conflict of interest.

¹ Similar Assignment – EA and SA studies

Nature of Association: JV not allowed , as provisions for hiring of functional area experts has already been given in Tender document wherein empanelled experts may be hired as per Quality Council of India (QCI) / National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET) Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during Office hours [1100 hrs to 1700hrs]. EOI must be submitted by hand or by post at the address furnished below. Last date of submission is 08th March 2018 at 3 pm.



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