

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES– FIRMS SELECTION)**

Country : MYANMAR
Project : Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management (AIRBM) Project
Credit No. : IDA 55590
Assignment Title : Environmental and Social Consultancy Services for Stretch 1 of the Ayeyarwady River (Mandalay to Nyaung Oo).
Reference No. : C3.14

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management (AIRBM) Project. The Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR) within the Ministry of Transport and Communications is the implementing agency of the AIRBM through the Project Management Unit (PMU) established under the supervision of the Director General of DWIR, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

Under Component 3, the DWIR proposes to undertake a number of sub-projects, with an estimated total cost of around US\$25 million, to provide year-around stable navigation for the Ayeyarwady River. The works include the improvement of an approximately 200 km long waterway from Mandalay to Nyaung Oo, referred to as Stretch 1. The consulting services (“the Services”) for Stretch 1 include:

Part 1: Preparation of an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment of Navigation Enhancements in Stretch 1 of the Ayeyarwady River between Mandalay and Nyaung U. The ESIA will assess the navigation enhancements design options proposed by Engineering Consultant and together with the Engineering Consultant, support DWIR in the selection of environmental, socially and economically viable navigation enhancements in Stretch 1. The design options and hydro-dynamic modeling will be undertaken by an Engineering consultancy firm hired under a separate contract.

Part 2: Preparation of an Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP) and Resettlement Action Plans (RAP) or priority subprojects in Stretch 1 (ESMP).

Part 3: ESMP and RAP Monitoring during the construction of the prioritized subprojects in Stretch 1.

The tentative duration of the entire assignment is about 36 months. The preparation of the ESIA for Stretch 1 is expected to be completed by month 12. The ESMPs and RAPs for selected subprojects should be completed by month 18. ESMP and RAP monitoring for the selected subprojects is expected to be completed by month 36.

The PMU now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to express 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 information should include comprehensive descriptions of previous relevant assignments including: nature of assignment, contract dates, contract amount, person months provided by the firm, and role of the firm in the contract (Lead Firm, Joint Venture member, sub-consultant, etc.) The general criteria which will be taken into consideration in the short-listing process include:

1. Minimum 5 year experience in developing ESIA's for river projects;
2. Experience in preparing and supervising ESMPs and RAPs;
3. Knowledge of World Bank Safeguard policies and/or other International Development Bank safeguard policies for infrastructure projects.
4. Experience in developing countries, particularly in Asia.

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 dated July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The Consultants shall clearly state the role of each member in the association (Lead, JV partner, or Sub-consultant) in their expression of interest.

Consultants will be shortlisted in accordance with the Quality- and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines. Shortlisted Consultants will be invited to submit their Technical and Financial proposals as per the Request for Proposal (RFP) documents to be issued to them.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during 09:30 to 16:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by Nov 30 2017 at 16:00hr, local time.

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