

**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** : Formulation of the Resource Management and Operations Plan for Ayeyarwady Navigation (RMOP)  
**Reference No.** : C3.17

The Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management Project (AIRBM) is a US\$100 million project supported by the World Bank and implemented by the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR), under the Ministry of Transport and Communication (MOTC). AIRBMP is designed as a multi-phased approach (series of Projects) to strengthen integrated, climate resilient management and development of the Ayeyarwady River Basin and national water resources. The AIRBMP was declared effective in June 2015 and has a closing date of September 2020.

The AIRBMP consist of three main components plus a contingency component to allow for rapid reallocation of funds in case of emergency. AIRBMP Component 3 aims at enhancing safe navigation in the Ayeyarwady by conducting physical and non-physical improvements. Component 3 consist of four sub-components including Subcomponent 3.3: Non-Structural Improvements which will support the formulation of the Resource Management and Operations Plan (RMOP) for Ayeyarwady Navigation.

The objectives of this assignment are ‘To portray and analyze the present situation of the Ayeyarwady waterway transport system, conduct strategic asset management of the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR), define what the requirements are for improved Ayeyarwady Navigation, and respectively design a detailed ‘Resource Management and Operations Plan’ to improve day and night, efficient, and safe river navigation on the Ayeyarwady River. For the planning and implementation of the prioritized and operational functions within DWIR, the RMOP, which will include a Transition Plan, will shape an adapted organizational structure, describe the technical tasks, assign personnel at headquarters and in the Waterway Stations, propose an inventory of equipment, vehicles and boats, and prepare the annual and detailed budgets.

The duration of the assignment is estimated at about 8 months.

The Project Management Unit of DWIR now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consults 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, experience of the firm in the topics, 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 selection process include:

1. Proven track record of 5 years experience in formulating waterway transport strategies including resource management and operation plans, and/or strategic asset management;
2. Having conducted at least 5 waterway transport projects. Having prepared at least 3 investment/business plans, asset management projects;
3. Demonstrated previous experience in projects dealing with inland waterway transportation, dredging and river works, fleet optimization, waterway design, and IWT transport economy.
4. Providing a maximum of 8 CVs for experts to the RMoP;
5. Experience in institutional strengthening and reorganization of agencies that are dealing with disciplines such as dredging and river works, hydrography, aids to navigation, port planning and development, fleet optimization, and transport economy.
6. Experience in developing countries is an advantage.

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 January 2011 and revised 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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on the Consultant's Qualification (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines. The best qualified Consultant will be invited to submit Technical and Financial proposals as per the Request for Proposal (RFP) document to be issued to them.

Further information and a copy of the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained upon request.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 10 May 2019 at 16:00hrs, local time.

Attn: Mr. Aung Myo Khaing  
Component 3 Director, PMU Office, AIRBM Project  
Director, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, DWIR  
Compound, Ministry of Transport and Communications  
400 Lower Pazuntaung Road, Pazundaung Township, Yangon, Myanmar  
Office Tel: +95 9 263657191, Mobile : +95 9 5150213,  
Email: [component3director@gmail.com](mailto:component3director@gmail.com) With a copy to: [eikyipyarsoe@gmail.com](mailto:eikyipyarsoe@gmail.com);  
[aungminaung1977@gmail.com](mailto:aungminaung1977@gmail.com), [dwir.airbm@gmail.com](mailto:dwir.airbm@gmail.com)