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

## **Pakistan**

Punjab Irrigated-Agriculture Productivity Improvement Project (PIPIP)

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: PK 50810

Assignment Title: Project Implementation Supervision Consultants (PISCs)

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): PK-PIPIP-30372-CS-QCBS

The Government of Punjab (GoPunjab) has previously received IDA credit and has applied for IDA/IBRD financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Punjab Irrigated-Agriculture Productivity Improvement Project (PIPIP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The project envisages installation of High Efficiency Irrigation Systems, improvement of watercourses in canal irrigated areas & non-canal commanded areas, adoption/promotion of modern irrigation technologies & practices, processing/ value addition, technical assistance, training and strategic studies etc.

The services of Project Implementation Supervision Consultants (PISCs) are required for construction supervision, certification of completed works and payment requests of all works to be carried out under the project, support in overall project management, procurement and financial management, social and environmental management, preparation of TORs for additional studies that may be needed during the project, progress reporting on project achievements etc. The PISCs would be engaged for following assignments to provide requisite consultancy services.

- Assignment-A: Consultancy services for project activities to be carried out within original/ existing IDA credit upto 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.
- Assignment-B: Consultancy services for project activities to be carried out within IDA credit/ IBRD loan under Additional Financing to the PIPIP till 30th June 2021

The draft Terms of Reference (TOR)/ PQD for the assignment can be found free of cost at the following website: (http://www.ofwm.agripunjab.gov.pk/).

The Directorate General Agriculture (Water Management) Punjab 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. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage. The consultants are required to provide firm(s)/joint venture(s) registration with relevant professional bodies of the concerned government supported by latest / updated renewal, registration with income and sales tax department, history of litigation (if any) in courts or any arbitration proceedings and Affidavit confirming that the applicant firm(s)/joint venture(s) have never been blacklisted by any government department and all the information provided by the applicant firm/joint venture are correct. The shortlisting criteria is:

- 1. Technical: Capacity and competency of firm (s)/ joint venture (s) in
  - Preparation/review of designs of watercourses, high efficiency irrigation systems and other project works
  - Construction supervision of works
- **2. Managerial**: List of similar works completed during last 15 years as well as currently in progress with total cost of such projects and cost of consultancy services, dates of commencement and completion as well as list of professional staff along with CVs (resume) of relevant staff and their current

commitments. A firm, which was a team member in a previous joint venture, should furnish a statement providing details of works, component of works performed individually and its overall share (percentage) in the works performed by the joint venture.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to the Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers 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 (0800 to 1600 hours)

Expression of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below not later than 16:00 hours Pakistan Time on **31 October 2017**.

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