

# REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (ReoI) (CONSULTING SERVICES)

Under

*PUNJAB RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION (PRIAT) PROJECT*

Assignment Title: **Hiring of Local Service Provider (LSP) for implementation of Sub-Component 2.1 of the Project**

The Agriculture Department, Government of the Punjab, has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Punjab Resilient and Inclusive Agriculture Transformation (PRIAT) project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to enhance equitable access to, and productivity of, agricultural water, and improve incomes of farmers supported by the project. The major components of the project include community-driven improvement of water conveyance and application, promotion of climate smart production, diversification, value addition & inclusive access to markets and project management, monitoring, and learning.

The consulting services (“the Services”) mainly include services for implementation of Sub Component 2.1; Improving market integration of producer groups for increased production, diversification & value addition (VA). The gestation period for consulting services will be 10 months starting as early as possible.

Directorate General Agriculture (Water Management) Punjab, Lahore/ Project Management Unit (PMU-PRIAT) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultancy firms are required to provide information demonstrating that they have the requisite qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Applicant firms are requested to provide quite relevant and complete information specific to the proposed services and avoid submitting generic promotional literature. Incomplete/ generic information will not be entertained. The borrower reserves the right to withdraw this recruitment process at any time and interested firms are responsible to bear all costs incurred arising out of, or in relation to this request.

The attention of interested Consultancy firms is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may form Joint Ventures to enhance their qualifications. In the case of a joint ventures, all the partners in the joint ventures shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultancy firm will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualifications Selection (CQS) Method set out in the Procurement Regulations of the World Bank.

The detailed eligibility criteria, details and Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website ([www.ofwm.agripunjab.gov.pk](http://www.ofwm.agripunjab.gov.pk)).

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 0900 to 1700 hours Monday to Friday. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by **13 September 2023 (before 1100 hours)**.

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