## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

## COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT (CAD) COMPONENT OF GREATER THAL CANAL (GTC) PROJECT (CAD-GTC PHASE-II)

## COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS (CADC) PAD/GTCIP/CS/002

Country: Pakistan

Project Name & Number: Command Area Development (CAD) Component of

Greater Thal Canal (GTC) Project (CAD-GTC Phase-II)

(49372-PAK)

Consulting Services: Command Area Development Consultants (CADC)

Deadline for Submission: 21 January 2022 by 11:00 Hours of Pakistan Standard

Time

Procurement/ Recruitment Method: QCBS (National)

Implementing Agency (IA): Punjab Agriculture Department (PAD) through Director

General Agriculture (Water Management) Punjab/ Project

Director (CAD-GTC)

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has agreed to finance the Command Area Development (CAD) of Grater Thal Canal (GTC). The Command Area Development (CAD) Component of Greater Thal Canal (GTC) Project (CAD-GTC Phase-II) has been approved by the Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP) on 07.07.2021 and subsequently cleared by Central Development Working Party (CDWP) on 06.10.2021. The project has been approved at a total cost of Rs. 19,078 million including ADB. share of Rs. 14,653 million, Punjab Government share of 1,869 million and farmers' contribution of Rs. 2,555 million for its implementation during six (6) years (2021-22 to 2026-27). The project is under process for approval by the CDWP/ ECNEC. A part of the ADB loan proceeds will cover the consultancy services cost for command area development consultants of the CAD-GTC.

The Greater Thal Canal (GTC) offtakes from the Chashma-Jhelum (CJ) link canal near Adhi Kot in district Khushab. The GTC has a gross command area (GCA) of 1.918 million acres and canal command area (CCA) of 1.738 million acres in Thal Doab (the area between the Indus and the Jhelum rivers) encompassing Bhakkar (39%), Layyah (30%), Khushab (17%) and Jhang (14%) districts. The CAD-GTC Phase-II project envisages command area development of already constructed Main Canal (MC) and Mankera Branch Canal (MBC) as well as newly planned Choubara Branch Canal (CBC) with CCA of about 649,000 acres (263,000 ha) traversing through Khushab, Bhakkar and Layyah districts.

The Project Development Objective (PDO) of the CAD-GTC is to *develop irrigated agriculture and enhance agricultural productivity* in the project area. The project envisages development/ construction and lining of 1,347 community watercourses, development of 1,000 irrigation schemes/ lining of tubewell watercourses, carrying out Laser land levelling on 10,000 acres, installation of high efficiency irrigation systems (HEISs) on 10,000 acres, installation of renewable energy and/or other power source/ systems for operating HEISs on 10,000 acres, construction of 100 on-farm water storage ponds, provision of certified seed to the farmers on 23,400 acres, establishment of 60 Farmer Field Schools (FFS), clearance of right of way (RoW) of 1,272 watercourses/ farm channels, development of about 2,290 acres of undulated land through rough land levelling, training and capacity development of over 25,000 farmers/ water users/ stakeholder, awareness creation, publicity, & demonstration of project interventions and supporting research & development activities, strategic studies, digitizing operations, crop processing support, piloting modern technologies & practices, etc.

The recruitment/ engagement of Command Area Development Consultants (CADCs) has been planned for implementation supervision support and third party validation of project activities. The objective of the assignment is to engage a team of consultants to provide support for review & approval of

designs, construction/ installation supervision, quantity certification, quality assurance, technical assistance, and overall coordination of project activities. The consultancy services for project implementation supervision are required to ensure that CAD activities are executed in an orderly manner with a high standard of workmanship and specified quality of materials within the envisaged implementation period as well as in conformity to best possible and latest technical, social and environmental standards.

This advertisement/ publication calls engineering consultancy firms to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) to deliver engineering consultancy services for the assignment. The request for EOI and Terms of References (TORs) for CAD consulting services can be downloaded from websites of OFWM, PPRA and the Consulting Management System (CMS) of the ADB. The "Source of Selection" will be "National Shortlisting". 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 (JV) and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a JV, all the partners in the JV shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Only shortlisted firms/ JVs will subsequently be invited to submit technical and financial proposals on the prescribed RFP. The names and addresses of shortlisted firms will also be posted on the CSM-ADB and OFWM website. The selected firm/ JV, having the highest technical and financial scores, will be invited to negotiate the contract. The interested applicant may refer to ADB - Project Administration Instructions "ADB Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017)", for further information on selection of consultants.

Directorate General Agriculture (Water Management)/ Project Directorate (CAD-GTC) invites eligible consulting firms from ADB member countries to express EOI in providing the required consultancy services. For preparation of the EOI, ADB's templates must be used, which can be downloaded from <a href="https://www.adb.org/documents/recruitment-firms-individual-consultants-executing-agencies">www.adb.org/documents/recruitment-firms-individual-consultants-executing-agencies</a>. Engineering consultancy firms of international and national origin, having sufficient experience and desirous of undertaking the assignment should submit the EOI online through CMS-ADB. The shortlisting criteria will be based on technical and managerial capacity of the firm. Applicant firms are requested to provide only relevant information specific to the proposed services and avoid submitting generic promotional literature. The PQD/ information related to project may be downloaded immediately from ADB or OFWM website free of cost.

The Implementing Agency (IA) reserves the right to: (i) cancel this recruitment process at any time and interested firms are responsible for all costs incurred arising out of, or in relation to this request; and (ii) amend or withdraw the terms of reference, budget, this EOI, and any or all attachments at any time. Interested firms are advised to address their enquiries (not later than 10 days before submission date) and submission to the following address:

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