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

Name of Country: Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Name of Project: Baluchistan Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Project (BLEP)
Planning and Development Department, Government of Baluchistan
Project ID: P159292
Loan No. /Credit No. / Grant No: IDA 65440 / IDA D5650 / TF-B2123-PK
Assignment Title: Hiring of Audit Firm
Reference No: PK-P&DD QUETTA-312215-CS-CQS

The Government of Islamic Republic of Pakistan represented by Government of Baluchistan *has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Baluchistan Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Project (BLEP) Planning and Development Department, Government of Baluchistan, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

To mitigate the fiduciary risks associated with the project activities and to strengthen the internal control processes, PMIU requires the services of a Chartered Accountants' Firm ("the firm should be QCR rate by ICAP") to conduct quarterly Internal Audit of BLEP's activities, systems and transactions. The audit shall be primarily carried out at Quetta.

The Internal Audit of the all financial, procurements, logistic and field level activities and would cover the two fiscal years (FY) i.e. 2022-23, 2023-24 and would be carried out on quarterly basis during each fiscal year.

The internal auditing is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organization's operations. Internal auditing helps an organization accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic and disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes.

The Internal Auditor shall provide the internal audit services to the project. Internal Audit of project will be carried out as per approved internal audit plan agreed between the Project Management and the Firm. The scope of work of Internal Auditor is to determine whether the project's risk management, controls, and compliance processes, as designed and represented by management, are adequate and functioning. The control frameworks are developed in compliance with GoP Rules and Regulations, World Bank Regulations as well as international standards.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Assignment can be downloaded from website: www.blepgob.org.pk

The Baluchistan Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Project (BLEP) Planning and Development Department, Government of Baluchistan, 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.



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The shortlisting criteria are:

The Audit firm must meet the following qualifications to be considered, for which the documentary evidences shall be mandatory;

- i. The firm must be registered with the Accounting / Auditing body in Pakistan
 - a. (Proof of ICAP Registration should be attached).
- ii. An audit firm must have listed in 'A' category in the list of State Bank of Pakistan's Panel of Auditors Maintained under Section 35 (1) of Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962. (Proof of Current Listing must be attached).
- iii. An audit firm must have at least ten (10) years working experience (assignment / contract duration) of conducting audit assignments in Public Sector (Government Organization)

(Documentary evidence must be provided e.g. contract / letter of award / work order / completion certificates or reference letter from the clients stating scope of services and deliverables & duration of assignment).

- iv. Firm must have completed at least four (04) audits of Projects funded by the World Bank or other international organizations.
- v. Audit Firm must be having 'satisfactory' rating under the Quality Control Review (QCR) program managed by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan with a documentary verifiable record of satisfactory QCR rating for 5 years.

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The following documents are mandatory requirements for all proposal submissions;

- i. A copy of Certificate of Registration/Incorporation
- ii. Valid Tax Compliance Certificate/ATL Status (NTN & Board of Revenue)
- iii. Detailed Company Profile.
- iv. List of Key Experts (Annexure I), CVs are not required at this stage.
- v. ICAP Certificate
- vi. Proof of Satisfactory QCR rating.
- vii. Undertaking that no litigations are in process with Private or Public Sector entities or provide complete details of such litigations (Stamp Paper @ PKR 100)
- viii. The bidder shall provide an undertaking (Stamp Paper @ PKR 100) that the bidder has not been declared black listed by any national institution and/or by any international/foreign organization.
- ix. Documentary evidence must be provided e.g. contract / letter of award / work order / completion certificates or reference letter from the clients stating scope of services, deliverables, duration & amount (value / currency) of assignments.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.



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The attention of interested Consultants 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 revised November 2017 and August 2018, 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 Consultant's qualifications based selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [9:00 AM to 5:00 PM].

Expressions of interest in a written form along with detailed company's profile must be delivered to the address below in person, or through registered courier service by November 2nd, 2022.

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