

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

HIRING OF IMPLEMENTING PARTNER WASEELA-E-TALEEM PROGRAMME

Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) is the largest social safety net, established under BISP Act 2010 (No. XVIII of 2010) to provide income support and other social protection and safety net measures to economically unprivileged segment of the society. BISP has identified eligible poor families through a Poverty Scorecard conducted through a house to house census. The eligible beneficiary families are now part of a monthly un-conditional cash transfer programme. As part of its graduation strategy and to link these transfers to attainment of human development goals, BISP has initiated a Waseela-e-Taleem Programme, to financially support the primary education of children having ages between 5 – 12 years of BISP Beneficiary families for their enrolment and retention in schools. The said programme is currently being implemented in 32 districts across the country under which each beneficiary child is receiving an additional cash transfer of Pak. Rs. 750 per quarter upon meeting the admission verification in 1st quarter and attendance requirement of 70% in subsequent quarters till completion of primary education.

Major activities under WeT Programme include: (i) **Supply Capacity Assessment:** Identify a list of eligible districts for extending WeT Programme to uncovered districts (Macro Supply Capacity Assessment) and to identify public primary schools and their available capacity including minimum infrastructure conditions (Micro Supply Capacity Assessment); (ii) **Social Mobilization, Training & Capacity Building:** Mobilization of BISP Beneficiary mothers for sending their out of school children for admission, development of linkages, training & capacity building of local government, district administration, education departments and BISP offices to ensure consistency/sustainability of the programme; (iii) **Registration & Admission:** Identification of active BISP families with children between age group of 5 – 12 years, registering them into WeT Programme and admitting them into WeT Schools; (iv) **Attendance Compliance Monitoring:** Attendance verification of the admitted children to identify beneficiary children who have complied with the defined co-responsibility of attendance compliance (v): **Case Management:** Aiming and receiving updates of beneficiary families, grievance redressal, detect flaws in process and resolve transfer claims; and (vi) **Cash Transfer:** Providing cash transfers as per defined protocols upon assurance of prescribed compliances.

Now BISP intends to hire services of a consulting firm titled as “Implementing Partner” for performing core activities of WeT Programme, namely; (i) **Social Mobilization, Training & Capacity Building**, (ii) **Registration & Admission** and (iii) **Attendance Compliance Monitoring** in the following Clusters across the country:-

Cluster – A	Cluster – B	Cluster – C
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Punjab	Sindh
Malakand	Bahawalnagar	Karachi South
Charsadda	Bahawalpur	Kamber Shahdad Kot
Banu	Khushab	Larkana
Haripur	Narowal	Shaheed Benazirabad
Kohat	Rahim Yar Khan	Sukkur
Mansehra	Rawaplindi	Thatta
Nowshera	Sialkot	Balochistan
Azad Jammu & Kashmir	--	Nushki
Mirpur	--	Awaran
Bagh	--	Gwadar
Kotli	--	Jhal Magsi
Gilgit – Baltistan	--	Loralai
Gilgit	--	Musakhail

Skardu	--	--
Diamir	--	--

Accordingly, BISP hereby invites eligible consulting firms/joint ventures of consulting firms to indicate their interest for providing the required services. The services of consulting firms will be hired in all three clusters through separate contracts for each cluster. The firms can apply for one or more clusters and the shortlisting shall be made cluster-wise. The eligible consulting firms are required to demonstrate/provide following necessary information to prove their qualification/eligibility/capacity to perform the assignment: -

- a) Complete profile of the organization/firm with the information i.e. incorporation certificate, experience, Corporate Profile indicating years of operations, core competencies & management systems etc. [Max. Score = 30]
- b) Details of completed projects of similar nature, size and scale at national, provincial or regional level with requisite information i.e. project description, cost of the project, client, duration and type of association/JV if any. [Max. Score = 40]
- c) Geographical experience/outreach of the firm at national, provincial or regional level. [Max. Score = 15]
- d) Demonstrated expertise and capacity of social mobilization, training and capacity building at local level. [Max. Score = 15]

Social Mobilization/Community Outreach will be one of the important feature for achieving optimum outcome of the programme, therefore, Consulting Firms are encouraged to make association(s) (sub-consultancy) or Joint Ventures (JVs) to enhance their qualifications/capacity for effective communication, outreach.

Firms interested to participate in JV should submit information for each partner, which will be assessed independently regardless of capacity/experience of the other partner. For firms in arrangement of lead sub-consultant, only the experience and capacity of lead firm will be assessed. However, such arrangement should be clearly mentioned in Expressions of Interest Response.

A consultancy firm will be selected through **“Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Method”** in accordance with the procedures set out in the Public Procurement Regulations for Procurement of Consulting Services, 2010 (as amended from time to time). Method set out in the Public Procurement Regulations can be perused at the website: www.ppra.org.pk.

Further information may be obtained at the address given below during office hours from 0800 to 1300 hours (Pakistan Standard Time (PST)). This REOI is also available on the websites; www.ppra.org.pk and www.bisp.gov.pk.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by post) by or before 1500 hours on **16th May, 2016** which shall be opened on same day at 1530 hours in the presence of representatives of consulting firms who may choose to be present.

The assignment title of the consultancy with cluster applied for should be clearly written on the front of the envelope.

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