



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

Country: Bhutan

Name of Project: Hydro met Services and Disaster Resilience Regional Project (HSDRRP)

Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.: TF 0A3507, TF 0A3511, TF 0A3513

Assignment Title: Planning, Technical Design and Supervision of Construction for the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC)

Reference No. BT-DDM-162-CS-QCBS

The Department of Disaster Management, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs, Thimphu, Bhutan has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Hydromet Services and Disaster Resilience Regional Project (HSDRRP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

- Planning, Preparation of the detailed Technical Design and Supervision of Construction for the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC)

The Department of Disaster Management 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. The short listing criteria are:

- The consulting firm should have more than 10 years of working experience in the field of architecture, engineering and construction, including experience with governments in developing countries, and including prior successful engagements in the design and construction of emergency operations centers.
- The consulting firm should have enough capacity (including personnel) in handling similar assignment
- The firm should have experience with the planning, technical design and construction supervision of at least one EOC (Emergency Operations Center).
- The firm should have successfully completed the planning, technical design and construction supervision for at least two buildings, each with a minimum footprint of 8000 square feet, in the last five years.
- The consulting firm should have good financial standing and an average financial turnover of USD 300,000 in any of the last 3 years

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section I and IV of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers* dated January 2011 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per Section 1.9 of Consultant Guidelines.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information including the draft Terms of Reference can be obtained from (www.ddm.gov.bt) and at the address below during office hours [0900 to 1700 hours]. The final ToR would form the part of the RFP.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by June 7, 2017.

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