

THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)
PROJECT: South East Asia Disaster Risk Management Project 2
IDA Credit No. 7099-KH & Grant No. TFB8818
REOI No: MRD-CDRM-QCBS-S02

Assignment: Consulting Services for Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Response

The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) and the International Development Association (IDA) are in the process of finalizing the financial assistance from IDA towards the cost of the South East Asia Disaster Risk Management Project ("Resilience of Rural Infrastructure Project") for rehabilitation and upgrade of Rural Roads. RGC intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the contract for: **Consulting Services by qualified consultation firms** to provide services in supporting the Project's Implementation on Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Response (EP&R), assess and strengthen MRD's EP&R capabilities, systems, protocols, resources as well as strengthen institutional and technical capacities for disaster risk management (DRM) in line with government priorities, develop post-disaster response and recovery guidelines, develop climate change and DRM strategic action plans for MRD's technical working groups, and conduct regular capacity-building activities to enhance the knowledge and skills of MRD staff members on post-disaster damage and needs assessment.

The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) represented by the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) has appointed the Ministry of Rural Development as the Implementing Agency. The Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) will procure this consulting service.

The detailed services and qualification requirements are included in the TOR that can be found at the website: www.mrd.gov.kh or can be obtained from the point of contact below.

The Ministry of Rural Development now invites eligible consulting firms to express their interest in providing these services. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (experience in the country/region, experience in similar types of assignments, experience with Multilateral Institution Financed Projects, specific experience, management structure, key company personnel, and so forth). Consulting firms may associate with each other 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. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. At least ten (10) years of experience in Infrastructure Development (Particularly Rural Development), Disaster Risk Management, and Emergency Preparedness and Response fields

2. The overall assessment of the Consultant's staffing arrangements and capacity (available permanent staff and pool), portfolio of ongoing projects with evidence of satisfactory performance by clients
3. Completion of successful involvement in two (2) projects that include similar implementation support in emergency preparedness
4. Experience in Cambodia or SouthEast Asia is an asset
5. Experience managing similar services under multilateral funded projects.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at this shortlisting stage.

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 Fourth Edition, November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A consulting Firm will be selected following the procedures of QCBS method set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Procurement Regulations for Borrowers under Investment Project Financing (IPF) dated July 1, 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 and November 2020 (Fourth Edition).

Interested consulting firms may obtain further information on working days at the address below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from **16th February 2024 to 16th March 2024**.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below in person, or by email stated below, on or before 5:00 p.m. (Cambodia Standard Time) on **16th March 2024**.

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