

**LOCAL GOVT & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT (LG&CDD)
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB**



**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING FIRMS)
Hiring of Firm for Conducting Annual Performance
Assessment (APA) of Partner Local Governments (16xMCs)
under Punjab Cities Program (PCP)**

Credit No. IDA-6243

Reference No. PK-PMDFC-381559-CS-LCS

1. The Government of Punjab has received a loan (Credit No. 62430-PK) from the International Development Association (IDA) for funding the Punjab Cities Program (PCP). The Program will be implemented through Local Government & Community Development Department (LG&CDD). The Local Government & Community Development Department intends to hire the services of consulting firm to conduct an assessment exercise pertaining to 16 participating Municipal Corporations/Committees (MCs) in order to assess the performance of each MC in compliance with Minimum Access Conditions (MACs) along with extent of achievement of the Performance Measures (PMs).
2. The consulting services (“the Services”) for conducting annual performance assessment of 16 participating MCs for the year 2023-24 ensuring full consistency with the TORs. The detail criteria for evaluation of EOIs with Mandatory criteria has been mentioned in the pre-qualification documents. The detailed Qualification/Short listing Criteria & Terms of Reference (TORs) for the assignment can be downloaded from the website www.lgcd.punjab.gov.pk or website: <https://pmdfc.punjab.gov.pk/> or can be obtained at the address given below.
3. LG&CDD 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.
4. 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 2020), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. (<https://www.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/products-and-services/brief/procurement-new-framework>)
5. 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.
6. The Consultant will be selected to conduct audit of the above MCs for the period 2023-24 in accordance with the **Least Cost-based Selection (LCS)** method set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations. The estimated cost of this activity is around Rs. 15.00 million.
7. Further information can be obtained at the address given below during office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm) on all working days.
8. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below on or before **October 30, 2023 by 11:30 am.**

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