INVITATION REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

ENGINEERING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION CONSULTANT (EDCS)

Country: Pakistan

Project Name: Punjab Rural Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Project

Implementing Agency: Punjab Rural Municipal Services Company (PRMSC)
Consultancy Services for: Engineering Design and Construction Supervision

Loan No: IBRD-92670 : **Project ID No:** P169071 Activities No. PK-LG& CD-289966-CS-CQS / Pilot, PK-LG& CD-289968-CS-

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292584-CS-CQS/Pilot, PK-LG& CD-292585-CS-CQS/Pilot and

PK-LG& CD-292587-CS-CQS/Pilot

This Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) No. OP00126428 for this project that appeared in UN Development Business on 22nd April 2021.

Punjab Rural Municipal Services Company (PRMSC) (hereinafter referred to as "Company") is a government-owned not-for-profit company, incorporated with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan, under Section 42 of the Companies Act, 2017. The Company has been registered as a dedicated water, sanitation, and waste management service provider for rural areas of Punjab and is envisioned to be customer-oriented and responsive to the WASH needs of rural populations.

The Government of Islamic Republic of Pakistan has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Punjab Rural Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Project for improving service delivery standards of the rural water & sanitation system and has extended the said financing to Company. Under Component 1 viz. Sanitation and Water Supply infrastructure Development, of the Project, the Company has aimed at developing the infrastructure to help in addressing the lack of Water Supply & Sanitation Systems in 2,000 revenue villages (including the small habitations/basis in each Revenue Village) of sixteen (16) poorest and most underserved districts of Rural Punjab that underlies the low access to safely managed water and sanitation and poses threats to public health and the environment. Over 6.0 million rural residents shall be served under the said component which will be implemented in phased manner.

The Company intends to apply part of the proceeds for hiring of consulting firms for Detailed Engineering Design and Construction Supervision for; (i) design documentation, including Subscheme/Project Document (PC-I), Bill of Quantities, for water supply and sanitation services to achieve economies of scale and desired results, and (ii) resident supervision of infrastructure development, in revenue villages of following Tehsils of Geographical based Clusters of selected districts, under Pilot Phase:

Clusters	Districts	Tehsils	No. of Villages
South - I	2	2	34
South - II	3	3	33
South - III	3	3	40
Central - I	3	3	32
Central - II	1	1	24
North	4	4	37

The Company now hereby invites eligible "Firms/Joint Ventures", to indicate their interest for providing the required services.

The services of firms/JVs shall be hired for Engineering Design and Construction Supervision through separate contracts for each cluster. The firms can apply for one or more clusters and the responses shall be evaluated cluster-wise.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment, alongwith this Request for Interest (REOI) Notice, accessed Expressions can be from www.ppra.punjab.gov.pk or www.lgcd.punjab.gov.pk/tenders. The eligible consulting firms required to demonstrate/provide following requisite information to prove their qualification/eligibility to perform the assignment. Consultancy firms are encouraged to provide materials/ information that would be specific to the proposed services only by giving all the relevant details as required in the Instructions, and to avoid submitting generic promotional material. The unrelated or incomplete materials/information shall not be considered. The parameters for evaluating the EOI Responses, are given against each requisite as under: -

- a) Relevant Experience: Demonstrated expertise and capacity of conducting feasibility studies, geotechnical investigations, topographic surveys, designing, estimating bill of quantities, procurement services & construction supervision/resident engineering services of community development infrastructure schemes at national, provincial or regional level, by furnishing the list of completed/ongoing projects. The firm should have completed at least two contracts of comparable scale and complexity.
- b) <u>Corporate Capacity</u>: Complete historical profile of the organization/firm with the information i.e. incorporation certificate, registrations, experience, last three years audit reports, corporate profile indicating years of operations, core competencies, management structure & systems, policies procedures and practices to ensure quality services to clients, complaint redressal mechanism and competency in using MIS Based Applications for reporting while delivering similar/comparable services,
- Staffing Capacity: Firm shall have adequately qualified and skill staff, permanent/ intermittent staff, pool of panel of experts as per the scope of work. (specific CVs and nominations are not required at this stage)

Firms interested to participate in a Joint Venture should submit all the required information as per above parameters in respect of each partner, which shall be assessed independently regardless of capacity/experience of the other partner, being jointly & severely liable for the delivery of services, if contract is awarded. For firms who shall be in an arrangement of sub-consultant association, only the experience and capacity of lead firm, shall be assessed. However, such arrangement should be clearly mentioned in Expressions of Interest Response.

An 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 July 2018] ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. The same shall be observed while participating in the procurement process.

A virtual information session will be held on 17th June, 2022 through video link https://pitb.zoom.us/j/96416303192 at 2:30 pm having passcode 1234 to provide a detailed walkthrough of Project, TOR and procurement process.

A consultancy firm for each cluster, will be selected through "Consultant's Qualification-based Selection (CQS)" method set out in the Procurement Regulations which can be perused at the website: https://www.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/products-and-services/brief/ procurement-new-framework#framework

Expressions of Interest response, <u>separately for each cluster</u>, carefully prepared and marked, delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by email or by post) by or before **1300 hours** on <u>27th June</u>, <u>2022</u>. For expression sent electronically PRMSC will send an

acknowledgement of receipt within three (3) days after submission of interests. In absence of such acknowledgement please contact on address provided below:

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