

## Ministry of Water Resources

Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB)

Office of the Project Director

Project Preparatory Study for Metro Dhaka Water Security and Resilience Program (Turag, Tongi khal, Balu and Shitalakhya River) (BWDB Component)

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### **Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) Technical Assistance Services**

**Assignment Title:** Consultancy Services for Project Preparatory Study for Metro Dhaka Water Security and Resilience Program (Turag, Tongi khal, Balu and Shitalakhya River) (BWDB Component)

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank to implement a Technical Assistance project supporting the Metro Dhaka Water Security and Resilience Program. A portion of this financing will be used to procure consulting services to assist BWDB in conducting a preparatory study for the Program.

The overall objective of the project is to formulate a holistic river restoration framework and subsequent implementation of the project for the Turag (remaining part), Tongi khal, Balu and Shitalakhya River. It will include the process of legacy pollutant removal with a sustainable disposal management plan, ecological restoration plan and development plan of recreational amenities along riverbanks.

The major objectives of this project are:

- Develop an integrated, eco-friendly framework for riverbed cleanup combining legacy pollutant removal with safe disposal or reuse strategies.
- Design a comprehensive framework to improve water quality which integrates nature-based approaches to support aquatic life and safe human interaction;
- Develop a plan for eco-buffer zones along the rivers periphery to reduce illegal encroachments, reclaim original river boundaries, walkways, eco-parks, green spaces and provide recreational amenities;
- Restoration plan for degraded riverine ecosystems by the re-establishment of native flora and fauna while ensuring the long-term ecological sustainability and biodiversity of the rivers and their surrounding environments;
- This preparatory study will support the implementation of the activities included in the phase-1 of the project.

Duration of the contract shall be **18 Months**. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be seen and downloaded from the BWDB's official website link: <http://bwdb.gov.bd/live-tender> or can be collected from the address given below.

Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) now invites eligible consulting firm/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 qualifications and experiences for short listing are:

1. General Experience of the Firm in providing services (core business and years in business)
2. Experience in similar projects
3. Experience in development partners funded projects.

Consultants are requested to submit, but not limited to, the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria:

1. The Firm's Incorporation/Trade/registration documents from the country of the firm
2. Firm's brochures
3. Description of similar consultancy contracts, including the scope, contract amount, name of Client, period of the contract (date of contract signing to date of completion), location/country of the services etc.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, Para 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016 and updated in November 2020," setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A consulting firm is allowed to submit the expression of interest alone if it considers itself to be fully qualified on its own for the assignment, as it is not mandatory for consultants to associate with any other firm(s), whether foreign or local. Alternatively, if consultants themselves choose to associate to enhance their qualifications and capability for the assignment, then such associations may either be as a Joint Venture (i.e., all members of the joint venture shall be jointly and individually responsible) and/or Sub-consultants (i.e., the Consultant will be responsible, including for the services of the sub-consultant). In case of an association, the Consultants must explain in the EOI submission (a) the rationale for forming the association and (b) the anticipated role and relevant qualifications of each member of the Joint Venture and/or of each sub-consultant for carrying out the assignment, to justify the proposed inclusion of the JV members and/or sub-consultants in the association. Failure to provide the above explanation in the Expression of Interest may risk the association not being shortlisted for the assignment. However, the qualifications/experience of sub-consultants will not be considered by the Client in the evaluation of Expressions of Interest for Shortlisting purposes.

If shortlisted, Consultants will still have opportunity at the subsequent proposal preparation stage to further enhance their expertise for the assignment by associating with non-shortlisted consultants in the form of a Joint Venture or as Sub-consultants. In all such cases a shortlisted Consultant must obtain the written approval of the Client prior to the submission of the Proposal, for which the shortlisted Consultant will be required to justify the rationale for associating and specify the proposed role and relevant qualifications of the proposed associate(s) for carrying out the assignment. When associating with non-shortlisted firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy, the shortlisted Consultant shall be the lead member. However, Instruction to Consultant (ITC) clauses of RFP will prevail in regards to association with non-shortlisted firms or sub-consultants during the proposal preparation stage.


A Consultancy Firm will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations (NCT).

Further information can be obtained at the address of the undersigned, during office hours from **09:00 am to 04:00 pm** Bangladesh Standard Time (BST).

Duly completed Expressions of interest (EOI) in hard copy [(1 original + 2 copies and one (1) soft copy (PDF Format) in a Pen Drive)] must be delivered at the address of the undersigned, clearly mentioning the name of the assignment, in sealed envelopes at or before **3.30 pm** (Bangladesh Standard Time) of **May 4, 2026**.

The PE will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by the firm(s) in connection with the preparation or delivery of the REOI.

BWDB reserves the right to reject all REOIs or annul the short-listing process at any stage.

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