

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Procurement of an Individual Consultant to Strengthen Communication Strategies for Welfare Benefits Board – Individual Consultant Selection Method

Social Protection Project
Welfare Benefits Board
Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
Sri Lanka
Credit No.7363-LK

Assignment Title: Procurement of an Individual Consultant to Strengthen Communication Strategies for Welfare Benefits Board
Reference NosLK-WBB-469915-CS-INDV

1. The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received financing from the International Development Association/ World Bank to support Sri Lanka in providing better targeted income and livelihood opportunities to the poor and vulnerable and improving the responsiveness of the social protection system, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for this consulting services.
2. The Project Consultant Procurement Committee on behalf of the Social Protection Project now invites eligible firm to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide an information that demonstrates that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

- ❖ General experience
- ❖ Specific experience in handling similar assignments
- ❖ Technical, Financial and Organizational Strength of the Firm

The “EOI” shall include documentary evidence in support of core business and years in business with registration, annual turnover of last three years with audited financial statements, Business and Administrative strength, qualifications and experience in carrying out assignments of a similar scope and complexity, technical and managerial organization of the firm, technical capabilities and appropriate skills of key staff of the organization and other relevant information.

3. The duration of the Consultancy Services is initially three months from the date of commencement and may be renewed based on the service requirements of the Client. The detailed **Terms of Reference (TOR) and application** for the assignments can be found at the following website: <https://www.wbb.gov.lk> and <https://promise.lk>
4. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraph, 3.17 of the World Bank’s ‘Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers’ (Procurement in Investment Project Financing- Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, September 2023), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.
5. The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Least Cost Selection (LCS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations set out in the 'The World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers- Procurement in Investment Project Financing- Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, September 2023 and as per the Financing Agreement of the project

6. 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.
7. Further information can be obtained from the Procurement Specialist of the Social Protection Project via the 077-3914120 from 09.00 to 16.00 hours during the working days.
8. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the Project Director, Social Protection Project, 4th Floor, J R Jayawardena Centre, No:191, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 07 (in person, or by registered post) at or before 2.00 pm on 11th March 2025. The envelope containing EOI must clearly be marked on the top left-hand corner as "EOI for Assessing the IWMS -Closing on 11th March 2025"

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