



PAKISTAN
PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT (PMU)
THAR COAL AND POWER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT (P114278)
MINES AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

Request for Expression of Interest

Environmental and Social Advisory and Technical Services

This request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in United Nations Development Business on line undb@worldbank.org on May 31, 2009, and June 30, 2009 in UNDB issue number 753.

The Government of Islamic Republic of Pakistan has applied for a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of “Thar Coal and Power Technical Assistance Project”. The project’s overall objectives are (a) to help the Governments of Sindh and Pakistan strengthen the enabling policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks conducive to new investments in the coal-to-energy sector; and (b) assist both governments to attract qualified private investors to develop Thar coal deposits and build new capacity for coal thermal power generation, guided by high standards of environmental and social sustainability. To support preparation of the proposed technical assistance project, the Government of Pakistan has received from IDA a Project Preparation Advance which will be applied in part of the proceeds of this Advance toward payments under the agreement resulting from this EOI for the services for **Environmental and Social Advisory and Technical Services**.

The Consulting firm will carry out Social and Environmental Baseline Survey, develop Environmental and Social Data Monitoring System and Registry, carry out an Air Quality Assessment, contribute on environmental and social aspects for hydro-geological assessment, design a Participatory and Consultation Plan, undertake a Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment for Thar coal-to-power development, develop a Thar Coalfield Land-use Plan, prepare an Environmental and Social Management Framework and Resettlement Policy Framework for Thar coal-to-power development, and provide Capacity Building to staff from regulatory institutions in Sindh and Pakistan.

PMU now invites interested consultants to indicate their willingness in providing the services. The Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions availability of appropriated skills among staff; etc). Consultants may associate to enhance their capabilities. The joint ventures should be restricted to a maximum of 3 consulting firms and only the short listed firms will subsequently be invited to submit Technical and Financial proposals on the prescribed “Request for Proposal (RFP)”.

To prepare a short-list the following aspects of EoIs would be reviewed, and short-listed firms will be invited to submit proposals.

- Registration of the firm
- Availability of appropriate skills among staff
- Demonstrated capacity to handle such assignment (Lead firm; and in case of JVs, all JV partners)
- Experience in similar tasks.

Consultants may associate to enhance their qualification, but should mention whether the association is in the form of a joint-venture i.e. jointly and severally liable thus each firm in the JV should have capacity to carry out the assignments or of sub-consultancy.

Special Instructions:

- Incomplete/partial EOIs will be rejected.
- Interested firm(s) must provide focused information demonstrating that they are qualified to perform the services.
- Eoi shall mention the name of lead firm.

Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by Bank Borrowers*, May 2004, update October 2006.

Expressions of interest must be delivered or emailed to the address below by **September 24, 2009**.

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