



Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Bangladesh Bank
IPFF Project Cell
Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000

Request for Expression of Interest
For
Selection of Legal Firm

**[Contract package name # Firm for legal advisory services to support PPP Office;
Package number # S27]**

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The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit (hereinafter called the "loan") from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of Investment Promotion and Financing Facility (IPFF) project, a project of Finance Division, Ministry of Finance & implemented by Bangladesh Bank and it intends to apply parts of the proceeds of this fund for the engagement of a legal firm to provide legal advisory support to the PPP Office in delivering its PPP roles and responsibilities under the program. It may be mentioned here that PPP Office was established in September, 2010 as a separate, autonomous office under the Prime Minister's Office to act as a catalyst to proactively realize PPP Projects and IPFF Project is supporting the development of capacity and capability of the PPP Office in delivering its remit.

The services include:

PPP Model Documentations and Templates:

Modifying and /or developing certain documents such as Request For Qualification, Request For Proposal, templates and/or manuals for PPP project identification, development and procurement, concession agreements, information memorandum, etc.

PPP Legal and Policy Development Support:

Supporting the process for enactment of the PPP law and providing legal support for development of rules, regulation, PPP policy etc.

Project Review:

Reviewing the proposals and recommendation made by the Project's transaction and legal advisors and advising on whether the procurement process (e.g. invitation, evaluation of qualification statements and bid negotiation, terms of PPP contracts), development of PPP policy positions on special and fiscal incentives, etc is in line with prescribed laws and rules.

Office Administration Rules and Policy for PPP Office:

Developing internal administrative and operational procedures for PPP Office such as staff recruitment with necessary terms and conditions, other HR areas, information management etc.

As the implementing agency, Bangladesh Bank now invites eligible Applicants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Firms are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar operating conditions, availability of appropriate professional qualification and experience among staff etc.). Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

The firm should have at least 5 years experience in the relevant type of services. They should have sufficient personnel having expertise and experience of undertaking the aforesaid assignment. Preference will be given to Firms with individuals that can demonstrate South Asia Experience in advising and structuring PPP transactions including experience of reviewing legal and policy frameworks, suggesting policy changes, drafting and negotiating relevant bid and contractual documentation. Having experience in Bangladesh will be an added benefit.

The firm will be shortlisted on the basis of the following criteria:

- Age of the firm;
- Documentation containing the profile of the firm;
- Number of similar assignments;
- Number of professional staffs with relevant experience and
- Experience in similar operating conditions;

A firm will be selected using the "quality and cost based selection (QCBS)" method of the World Bank's Consultant Guidelines, January 2011. It is expected that the legal consultant will provide the PPP Office with internal legal advice on the PPP program on an as and when required basis over the period of 18 months.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours.

Expression of Interest shall be submitted on or before 24 April, 2013 during office hours (10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.) in sealed envelope delivered to address indicated below and be clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest for selection of legal firm, contract package name & number, name & address of the firm". Expression of interest may also be submitted through e mail address mentioned below but hard copy is preferable.

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOI or annul the EOI process at any stage without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicants(s).

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