

Enhancing Digital Government and Economy (EDGE) Project
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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

Country: Bangladesh

Name of the Project: Enhancing Digital Government and Economy (EDGE)

Credit No: 6675-BD

Assignment Title: Consulting Services for Digital Economy Strategy, Masterplan and Survey

Reference No. Package no: EDGE-S4

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Enhancing Digital Government and Economy (EDGE) Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include Digital Economy Strategy, Masterplan and Survey.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.bcc.gov.bd or can be obtained at the address given below. The duration of the assignment will be about 26 (Twenty-Six) months out of which first 12 months will be denoted as phase one and rest 14 months will be denoted as phase two, where the phase two is subject to the project extension and successful completion of phase one.

The Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) now invites eligible 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 shortlisting criteria are:

- General Experience of the Firm (core business and years in business);
- Experience in similar assignment of compatible size, complexity and technical specialty in the required area. International experience and experience in development partner-financed contracts will be considered an advantage;
- Firm's in-house staffing resources with relevant expertise (extent of relevant expertise available among the staff who are on the firm's regular payroll). However, CVs of individual staff will not be evaluated in the EOI/shortlisting stage.

Consultants are requested to submit at least the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria: (a) The Firm's Incorporation/Trade/registration documents from the country of the firm; (b) JV agreement/letter of intent (if applicable); (c) Firm's brochure; (d) Audited financial reports for last 3 years; (e) list of the firm's in-house/regular staff with relevant expertise (f) description of experience of similar assignments (including nature, scope of services, contract amount, name of employer, period of contract (date of contract signing to date of completion) funding agency(s), location /country of service etc.).

The 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



September 2023] (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

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. The qualifications of sub-consultants will not be considered in the EOI evaluation and Shortlisting process. 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. So, each partner of the JV must be reasonably qualified in terms of shortlisting criteria. 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.

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

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 9:00 to 16:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **2 January 2024 up to Office hours.**



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