

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES– FIRMS SELECTION)**

Country - INDIA  
Project - ENHANCING TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS IN BIHAR  
OPERATION  
Credit No. - 5578-IN

**Assignment Title:** Selection of Implementation Support Agency for SCERT, Bihar

**Reference No.** NIT No. 2/16-17

1. **The Department of Education, Government of Bihar**, through **Government of India** has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the ENHANCING TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS IN BIHAR OPERATION, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for this assignment.
2. The consulting services (“Services”) are for “Implementation Support to design the strategy for planning and implementation of programs, as well as developing the capacity of SCERT (State Council for Education Research and Training, Bihar) and helping with development of suitable curriculum and study materials for relevant pre-service and in-service teacher education programs and courses. Implementation Support Agency will not be responsible for implementing the program directly. The initiatives shall be implemented directly by the GOB, or by other external agencies. External partners would be hired directly by the Government. This request for Expression of Interest invites proposals from interested parties to provide consultancy services for a period of three (3) years. The objective of Implementation Support Agency would be to support SCERT for following objectives :
  - i. **Develop high quality teacher education & training institutions:** The immediate priority of the state is to strengthen institutional capacity in SCERT to develop and deliver high quality teacher education services Tracking progress of

all initiatives being implemented by SCERT under the Teacher Effectiveness Project

- ii. **Build capacity of teachers:** Teachers in the Government schools are facing multiple issues while teaching including managing multi-grade multi-level classrooms, addressing concerns of children with special needs, etc.
  - iii. **Increase teacher accountability :** The project places special emphasis on the development of effective teacher management systems and robust monitoring & evaluation mechanisms to improve teacher accountability
  - iv. **Strengthen Procurement systems and assist with procurement of ICT Infrastructure:** Help to identify fit-for-purpose ICT infrastructure for teacher education in Bihar, based on strategies developed for SCERT and Support the enhancement of procurement and financial management systems for SCERT, including setting up a procurement governance framework.
  - v. **Provide program implementation support to SCERT** Support would be needed for SCERT for the overall planning, coordination, and monitoring of project activities to be implemented by SCERT
3. Bihar State Educational Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (BSEIDC) under Department of Education (DOE), Government of Bihar invites Expression of Interest from consultancy firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services as mentioned in Terms of Reference. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required strength and relevant experience to perform the Services as per Terms of Reference. The Expression of Interest should include the following information which shall form the part of short listing criteria:
- a) The Organisation must be in business of transformation project related to school education and related consulting support focused on improving the learning outcomes in school education
  - b) Organizational set-up and structure
  - c) Availability of key professionals of required qualification with the firm i.e Technical team and expertise available with the organization (attach short CVs)
  - d) Experience of the firm in similar type of assignments relevant to supporting the School Education Department of a State in capacity building of key training institutions and with designing, implementing and monitoring large scale trainings and in-school pedagogical interventions. (Enclose list of relevant assignments executed with customer name & address, contact details, order value

and performance certificates )

- e) Experience of the firm to work with Governments / PSU
  - f) The firm should have sound financial performance and resources i.e. (Firms financial standing: Annual turnover of the last three years.
4. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers [January 2011, revised July 2014] ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. The Consultants while submitting EOI should clearly state that they do not attract any of these provisions.
  5. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.
  6. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.
  7. Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours i.e. 10.00 to 17.00 hours on all working days. The EOI and draft Terms of Reference shall also be available at website <http://www.bseidc.in> .
  8. The "Expression of Interest" is available on the website <http://www.bseidc.in> for free download.
  9. **Online Application** can be submitted only through online on E-Tendering website of BELRTON (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in> ) .
  10. Evaluation of Online Application Forms BSEIDC will form a Evaluation Committee to evaluate the applications submitted based on the shortlisting criteria above.
  11. List of documents to be submitted through online ( as mentioned in Para 3)
    - a. Details of Organizational set-up and structure
    - b. Details of Key professionals and qualification etc.
    - c. Details of Experience related to required domain
    - d. Details of Experience of the firm to work with Governments / PSU
    - e. Details of financial performance and resources.
  12. Online Application Form, complete in all respects must be submitted as time and date mentioned below:
    - a. Last Date for Submission of Online Form: – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

b. Deadline for submission: 23.59 Hrs

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