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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)

COUNTRY

: Bangladesh

NAME OF PROJECT: National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS)

Implementation Support Project, BBS.

Credit No./Grant No.: IDA-61930

Assignment Title : Selection of 'Consultant for Internal Audit' for NSDS Implementation

Support Project.

Package No. : SD-10.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the 'National Strategy for the Development of Statistics NSDS) Implementation Support Project', and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include review and report on Reliability of the Financial Management System, financial data and all tiers of the operation; Adequacy and effectiveness of the accounting, financial and operational controls; and Internal Control Systems.

The audit will be conducted at the Project Management Unit (PMU) office at Dhaka. The audit will be conducted two phases (first phase from May, 2018 to June, 2021 and second phase from July, 2021 to end of the Project i.e. June, 2023), ensuring full consistency with the ToR, and will provide feedback to project management on control weakness and issues, if any, that require management attention.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment, and Prescribed Format for Submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) can be obtained from <a href="www.bbs.gov.bd">www.bbs.gov.bd</a> or can be obtained at the address given below.

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) now invites eligible consulting 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:

- (a) General experience of the Firm (core business and years in business);
- (b) Experience in similar assignments;
- (c) Working experience in development partner funded projects will be an added advantage; and
- (d) Corporate capacity of the Consultants organizational for the assignment.



Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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 November 2017, August 2018 and November 2020) ("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. 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. It is preferable to limit the maximum number of firms will be 03 (three) in an association including the Lead Firm.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants 'Consultant's Qualification-based Selection (CQBS)' method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

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

Expressions of Interest (EOI) must be delivered in a written form to the below address (in person, or by mail, or by email) by **15.00** Hours local time (GMT+ 6 Hours) by **31 October, 2021.** 

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