

Government of Nepal
Ministry of Energy, Water Resources, & Irrigation
Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM)
Building Resilience to Climate-Related Hazards (BRCH) Project, Kathmandu
(Pilot Program for Climate Resilience - PPCR) Project ID No. P127508
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
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COUNTRY: Nepal,

NAME OF PROJECT: PPCR: Building Resilience to Climate Related Hazards Project

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Assignment Title: Implementing and commissioning of Development of public web service (integrated web portal) for DHM

The Department of Hydrology and Meteorology has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Building Resilience to Climate-Related hazards Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The project aims to strengthen the capacity of the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology to meet Nepal's need for timely and accurate weather, climate and water related information and alert services.

The main objective of this assignment is to provide DHM with a modern website presenting up-to-date hydrological, weather and climate data and products, and information about DHM as an organization. The website should be lightweight and responsive i.e. adaptive to various mobile platforms with different sizes of displays and suitable for viewing under slow network connections. The web-site should take into account Nepal's local characteristics, needs of major user groups, user experience and expectations, internet and mobile service coverage and local language norms. Overall, the modernized DHM web-site is expected increase usage of DHM online services, increase DHM's visibility and provide added value to the users.

The specific objectives can be categorized in terms of the following five design principles: user expectations, high quality content, active management, efficient production and clearly identified mutual benefits for DHM and the website users.

Details of the services are included in the Terms of reference which may be obtained from BRCH/DHM or can be downloaded from website of the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (www.dhm.gov.np/notices).

The DHM/BRCH now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") having (i) Company standing of at least 5 years is required; More years is considered as an advantage, (ii) The Company shall present at least 2 (two) references on delivering solutions similar in nature, size and complexity than described in this ToR. More references are considered as an advantage, (iii) The Consultant firm should consist at minimum of a Project Manager assisted by a Software Developer and a Graphical Designer as Key Experts. More experts can be assigned if necessary to cover the mandatory qualifications and experience.

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.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Interested firm/s must submit its *business/professional form registration certificate/s along with its confirmed validity period to date, Tax Clearance Certificate up to FY 2016-17 (2073/74), Self Declaration of not being blacklisted, VAT/PAN Registration Certificate duly certified by a notary* as per law of country.

Firms shall be assessed and compared using criteria relevant to assignment as stated in Terms of Reference, hence the firm shall submit documents required to support with evidence so as to demonstrate the qualification and experiences of the firm.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the CQS [Selection based on Consultant Qualification] method set out in the Consultant Guidelines. Only the selected firm shall be asked to submit a combined technical and financial proposal and, if such proposal is responsive and acceptable, be invited to negotiate a contract. Both technical and financial aspects of the proposal may be negotiated.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [10:00 to 16:00 hours].

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written signed form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail)

Last date of Submission: 04/06/2018 12:00 Noon (NST)

Opening Date of EOI: 04/06/2018 13:00 Hours (NST)

If the last date of submission happens to be holiday, the next working day will be the last date for submission.

DHM/BRCH reserves the right to shortlist or not to shortlist any or all the firms without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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