DEPARTMENT OF HYDROLOGY AND METEOROLOGY
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(General Consultant/Integrator)

Nepal
Building Resilience to Climate-Related Hazards (Pilot Project for Climate Resilience - PPCR)
CONSULTING SERVICES
Project ID No. P127508
Contract ID No.: PPCR/DHM/S/FBS-11

The Department of Hydrology and Meteorology has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Building Resilience to Climate-Related Hazards Project and intends to apply a portion of the financing to eligible payments under this contract 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 consulting services assignment is to ensure the integration of various project components and activities into a unified observing, forecasting and delivery system and to provide capacity building support for effective functioning of this system. In addition, the consulting services must ensure functional compatibility of the modernized meteorological and hydrological systems with the global/regional systems as recommended by WMO.

The consulting services include two phases:

1) Analyze the current system and subsequently develop detailed technical documents (including detailed technical design, technical specifications, bid documents and ToRs for goods and services) as well as a project implementation plan for the integrated modernization of DHM networks and systems of service provision to the main economic sectors and the public.
2) Provide procurement and implementation support, and monitor execution of the project implementation plan.

Details of the services are included in the Terms of Reference which are posted on the website of the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (www.dhm.gov.np/notices).

DHM now invites eligible international consulting firms to express their interest in providing these services. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments,

experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc. Firms may associate to enhance their qualifications. The association/consortium shall be in the form of joint venture (JV) or intended JV with qualified national audit firms where all the JV members shall be jointly and severely liable for the entire assignment.

A consulting firm will be selected as per the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 adopting selection method of "Selection under a Fixed Budget (FBS)".

Interested firms may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 10:00 to 17:00.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below on or before March 14, 2013.

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