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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES [FIRM] FOR THE INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION TEAM OF PERFORMANCE BASED CONDITIONS UNDER BENEFICIARY FIRST SOCIAL PROTECTION PROJECT

Reference No. PH-DSWD-241639-CS-CQS

REOI No. 21-PH-DSWD-241639-CS-CQS-003
(PR No. 202160035)

1. The Republic of the Philippines, through the Department of Finance, has received a loan (Loan Agreement No. 9168-PH) from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD). The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is an Implementing Agency of the Beneficiary FIRST Social Protection Project, with the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program - National Program Management Office (4Ps-NPMO) playing the role of Project Management Unit (PMU), and intends to apply part of the loan to payments under the contract for firm consulting services for independent verification of Performance Based Conditions (PBCs) of the Project.
2. The objective of this consultancy is to engage a third-party service provider (independent verification team (IVT)) to conduct verification of achievement of PBCs as defined in the Project Appraisal Document (PAD), Loan Agreement (LA) and Social Protection Delivery Systems Manual (SP-DSM). Specifically, the IVT is expected to validate and confirm the reported annual achievement of PBCs based on the documents and data provided by DSWD and finding of interviews or actual checks as needed according to the table "PBCs and Verification Protocols" as specified in the PAD/ LA/SP-DSM.
3. The Consultancy Firm is expected to be commence from the issuance of the contract, tentatively in October 2021. The details of responsibility and deliverables can be found from the attached Terms of Reference (TOR).
4. The DSWD now invites interested consulting firm to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultancy firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The evaluation criteria include firms' capacity and experience in relevant field as well as key team member's qualification. The consulting firms' qualification and staffing requirements are as follows:

Consulting Firm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum of three (3) years of work experience in providing consulting services related to auditing and accounting services• At least one (1) government engagement similar to the project or related to auditing projects• Able to provide at least two (2) staff in a team throughout the engagement
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Team Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of two (2) years of experience in managing projects or as team leader capacity • Graduate of a bachelor's degree with post-graduate units or certificates related to accounting, auditing, or other related fields
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5. 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 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
6. 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.
7. The consulting firm shall be selected through World Bank – Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) procedure in accordance with the World Bank Procurement Regulations for Investment Project (IPF) IPF Borrowers, dated July 2016 revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulation") as well as specific provisions stipulated in Financing Loan Agreement. Interested consulting firm may view the TOR attached with this REOI and must submit their REOI at the address below or through email at quotations@dswd.gov.ph not later than 05:00 p.m. of **06 October 2021**.

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Attachment:

- Terms of Reference