

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTING FIRM TO CONDUCT STUDY FOR STRENGTHENING BREB FOR  
SUSTAINABLE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION (RE) SYSTEM**

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1. Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB) has been implementing the Rural Electrification (RE) Program in Bangladesh since 1978 under Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources. BREB is responsible for planning, development, financing and installation of electricity distribution network throughout the rural areas of the country. It builds distribution network and hands it over to the Palli Bidyut Samities (PBSs) for electricity distribution and commercial operation as well as O&M. Currently 80 PBSs are in commercial operation and BREB has almost completed 100 percent electrification of 462 Upazilas under its jurisdiction.
2. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a fund from the International Development Agency and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payment under the contracts for appointment of consultant for "Appointment of Consulting Firm to Conduct Study for Strengthening BREB for Sustainable Rural Electrification (RE) System". Power Cell, therefore, intends to appoint an internationally reputed consultancy firm to accomplish the mentioned services by using World Bank fund under "TA for Strengthening and Development of Sustainable Power Sector in Bangladesh" project of Power Cell, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resource.
3. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. The short-listing criteria are:
  - a) General experience of the firm
  - b) Experience in similar projects
  - c) Financial soundness of the firm
  - d) Resources, key experts & support services of the firm
4. A consulting firm is allowed to submit the Expression of Interest (EOI) alone if it considers itself to be fully qualified on its own for the assignment, as it is not mandatory for consultants to associate with any other firm(s), whether foreign or local. Alternatively, if consultants themselves choose to associate to enhance their qualifications and capability for the assignment, then such associations may either be as a Joint Venture (i.e. all members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally responsible) and/or Sub-consultants (i.e. the Consultant will be responsible, including for the services of the sub-consultant). In case of an association, the Consultants must explain in the EOI submission (a) the rationale for forming the association and (b) the anticipated role and relevant qualifications of each member of the Joint Venture and/or of each sub-consultant for carrying out the assignment, to justify the proposed inclusion of the JV members and/or sub-consultants in the association. Failure to provide the above explanation in the Expression of Interest may risk the association not being shortlisted for the assignment. However, the qualifications/experience of sub-consultants will not be considered by Power Cell in the evaluation of Expressions of Interest for Shortlisting purposes.
5. Consultants are requested to submit the following supporting documents against the above mentioned criteria: (a) The Firm's Incorporation/Trade/registration documents from the country of the firm; (b) JV agreement/letter of intent (if applicable); (c) Firm's brochure; (d) Description of similar consultancy contracts, including the scope, contract amount, name of Client, period of the contract (date of contract signing to date of completion), location/country of the services, etc.; (e) Service experience record; (f) Short Biography of Key Professional; (g) Company's Income Tax certificate/Income Tax registration certificate
6. Detail Scope of Work will be available in the Terms of Reference (TOR) which can be downloaded from the website of Power Division (www.powerdivision.gov.bd), Power Cell (www.powercell.gov.bd), BREB (www.reb.gov.bd), and CPTU website from the date of publication of EOI.
7. Applicants are requested to submit their EOI in 2 sets (original and duplicate) with soft copy in the address of the undersigned on or before the submission deadline of **April 30, 2024, 12:00 Hrs (BST)**. Any submission received after the confirmed submission date will not be accepted.



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