

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
DIRECTORATE OF INLAND WATER TRANSPORT,  
ASSAM TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR  
CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR  
ASSAM INLAND WATERWAYS SECTOR  
INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND BUSINESS PLANNING  
- FIRMS SELECTION

**Country:** ASSAM, INDIA

**Name of Project:** ASSAM INLAND WATER TRANSPORT PROJECT [AIWT]

**Assignment Title:** SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR THE ASSAM INLAND WATERWAYS SECTOR INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND BUSINESS PLANNING

The Government of Assam through the Government of India has applied financing from the World Bank (WB) towards the cost of the AIWT Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The project aims to modernise and upgrade the Inland Water Transport sector in the state and improve the institutional framework and strengthen the institutional capacity.

The draft Terms of Reference for this assignment can be found at [www.iwt.assam.gov.in](http://www.iwt.assam.gov.in) and key tasks are as following:

- A. Review, analyze and advise the most appropriate allocation of roles, functions, assets and staff among the current and planned institutions involved in the IWT sector in Assam (including but not limited to those described in Para 1.5 of ToR) and any additional legislative and regulatory changes necessary (if any) to optimize the desired structure and maximize its effectiveness;
- B. Comprehensively review the resource and process needs of a proposed Regulatory Authority(RA) and provide institutional plans, regulatory schedules, processes and management systems that will ensure the capacity of the RA to perform its new roles in regard to IWT sector regulation; and
- C. Assist each of the two proposed bodies - Assam Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd (AIWTCL) and Assam River Port Development Company (ARPD) to develop an intensive Business Plan (and a reproducible business planning methodology) to guide each company through the initial period of independent operation
- D. Review, analyze and recommend the residual and other functions to be retained by Directorate of IWT Assam (DIWTA) including possible development of new sector functions that will ensure a productive role and employment of those staff not required by the new entities for their efficient operation

The Government of Assam, Directorate of Inland Water Transport 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 criteria for short listing of Consultants are:

- i) The Consultant should have sound financial performance and resources. (Annual turnover of the last five years should be submitted)
- ii) The Consultant must have proven experience of successful completion of at least 3 similar assignments in the last 5 years (2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17) (Relevant assignments executed with client's name and address, contact details, work order value, completion certificate and performance certificate are to be enclosed).
- iii) The Consultant must have a multidisciplinary in-house technical team and expert staff available with them.

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 Joint Venture (JV) or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualification. Nature of association, whether Joint Venture or sub-consultant has to be clearly mentioned in the EOI.

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the World Bank's Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during Office hours [1100 hrs to 1700hrs]

EOI (not more than 30 pages) must be submitted by hand or by post. Last date of submission is 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017 at 3 pm.

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