REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION

Country	:	Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Client	:	Karachi Water & Sewerage Services Improvement Project [KWSSIP]
Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No	:	P171422; Loan IBRD 97520 – PK
Assignment Title	:	**Consultancy services for Internal Audit Firm for KWSSIP-II.**
Reference No.	:	(As per Procurement Plan): PK-PIU- KWSSIP 2-531322-CS-CQS

1. The Government of Sindh (GoS) has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), along with counterpart funding from GoS, towards the cost of the Karachi Water & Sewerage Services Improvement Project (KWSSIP).

2. The Project Implementation Unit (PIU), KWSSIP intends to apply part of the proceeds of the said financing to make eligible payments against the consulting services.

3. The objective of the consulting services ("the Services") includes conducting risk-based internal audits of financial, procurement, and contract management processes. The firm will assess internal controls, ensure compliance with applicable regulations, verify payments and assets, and identify key risks. The assignment also includes monitoring implementation of audit recommendations and providing advisory support to strengthen governance, transparency, and overall project performance.

4. The assignment is likely to commence in July 2026. The implementation period for this assignment is until the project closing date, with the possibility of extension based on project needs.

5. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) to determine the best qualified firm for the assignment can be found at https://www.kwssip.gos.pk/eois-for-consultancy/ or can be obtained from the address given below

6. The Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of Karachi Water and Sewerage Services Improvement Project (KWSSIP), KW&SC now invites eligible firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultancy firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualification and relevant experience to perform the services

7. The Shortlisting Criteria are:

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<tr><td>1.</td><td>Qualification:
The firm should be QCR rated and must hold the Category “A” as announced by the State Bank of Pakistan Panel of Auditors Firms in the latest notification.
The firm shall have highly qualified professional team with at least experience of 10 years of operating as an Internal Audit Firm, along with valid legal registration with expertise including, but not limited to financial management, procurement management, contract management and quality assurance besides other areas covered under ToRs. Must have demonstrated capacity to undertake internal audit assignments of similar scale.
The firm should not be in the World Bank debarred list.
The Letter of Incorporation of firms will be required</td></tr>
<tr><td>2.</td><td>General Experience:
The Internal Auditor shall be a firm of Chartered Accountants having 10 years’ experience of conducting internal audits (auditing, monitoring, assessing, validation/verification of financials) in large projects of similar nature. Experience regarding conducting internal audit as relevant to the TORs shall be required</td></tr>
<tr><td>3.</td><td>Relevant Experience:
Should have completed at least two (02) similar projects in public sector/donor funded projects of comparable scale and complexity worth equivalent to USD=75,000 (Copies of verifiable of similar nature of contracts with copies of notification of Award and/or Contracts and full address and contact information of the employer).</td></tr>
<tr><td>4.</td><td>Managerial Capacity
The firm should have adequate logistical capacity as evidenced through established functioning offices.
Should have sufficient HR / managerial capacity and expertise in the areas covered in the TORs. [CVs will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage]</td></tr>
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8. 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 -" Fifth Edition (Revised September 2023) ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

9. 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.

10. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with para 7.11 Consultant's Qualification-based Selection (CQS) Method set out in the applicable Procurement Regulation (Revised September 2023)**.**

11. Further information may be obtained at the address given below during office hours from 0900 to 1700 hours on working days Monday to Friday. This REOI is also available on the website: https://www.kwssip.gos.pk/.

12. Interested firms may submit/deliver their Expressions of Interest in a written form to the address given below (in person, or by mail) latest by **April 28, 2026** during office hours.

13. The assignment title of the consultancy should be clearly written on the front of the envelope or in the subject line.

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