

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR DEVELOPING POLICY NOTES FOR RESOLVING REGULATORY, INSTITUTIONAL AND FISCAL CONSTRAINTS IN PROVIDING EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE CITY BUS SERVICES

INDIA

GEF- Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Service (ESCBS) Project

Grant No.:TF018577

Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for Developing Policy Notes for Resolving Regulatory, Institutional and Fiscal Constraints in Providing ESCBS in India

Reference No. Package No.1

The Government of India (GOI) has received a grant from the Global Environment Facility (GEF)/ World Bank toward the cost of the ESCBS Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include Developing Policy Notes for Resolving Legislative, Regulatory, Institutional and Fiscal Constraints in providing efficient and sustainable city bus services in India. The period of services shall be 20 months.

The broad scope of work of this study involves (a) a critical examination of the legislative, regulatory, institutional and fiscal provisions for operation of city bus services at the national, state and city level through a representative sample of states and cities, (b) identification of deficiencies therein and recommendations, where-ever necessary, for improvements to existing legal, regulatory, institutional and fiscal frameworks as applicable to the urban bus sector to improve its overall effectiveness, efficiency, and viability including improved service delivery, (c) development of policy notes and consultations and deliberations with stakeholders on possible solutions.

The Ministry of Urban Development (MOUD) 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 shortlisting criteria are:

1. Past experience in review and drafting of legal acts and policies or projects in related nature;
2. The firm should have an average annual financial turnover of at least INR 10 crores in the last 3 years;
3. The firm should demonstrate that they have enough capacity (including personnel) in undertaking the assignment; and
4. Experience in handling externally aided projects such as the World Bank and ADB will be an advantage.

Expression of Interest (EOI) must include but not limited to:

- Introductory letter on letter head (with complete contact details – name of contact person, mailing address, telephone, fax, email etc.) explaining how the firm is best to deliver the task
- Organization profile
- Three years annual report including audited Financial statement
- Short note on the similar projects implemented by the firm along with the reference/client list and description of assignments handled pertaining to the shortlisting criteria
- The EOI should contain sufficient supporting document to substantiate the claim of the Consultant towards their qualification as per the shortlisting criteria.

The draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is available on the website <http://moud.gov.in/> and <http://sutpindia.com/>.

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, January 2011] by World Bank Borrowers ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Such association must be clearly stated in the EOI as either JV or sub-consultant.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and cost Based Selection [QCBS] method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Interested bidders are requested to submit all the required Documents **electronically** in PDF format through <http://eprocure.gov.in> not later than 1500hrs on 29.01.2016.

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