



OFFICE OF THE PROJECT DIRECTOR  
SINDH SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT  
ENERGY DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM  
SELECTION**

**PAKISTAN SINDH SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT (SSEP)**

Loan Credit No.: 62580-PK

Assignment Title: SHS Installation Verification & Quality Control (Component 3)

World Bank Project ID: P159712

Reference No.: PK-SED-118059-CS-QCBS

The Sindh Energy Department has obtained financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Sindh Solar Energy Project (SSEP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for procurement of consulting services to hire a SHS (Solar Home System) Installation Verification & Quality Control firm.

The Sindh Solar Energy Project aims to support the deployment of solar power in Sindh Province through development of utility-scale solar power at highly competitive prices within identified solar parks, installation of distributed solar power systems on and around public buildings, and provision of SHS for households with no or low access to electricity.<sup>1</sup> This Request for Expressions of Interest refers to the procurement for a SHS Installation Verification & Quality Control firm to support the implementation of the SHS component of SSEP.

SSEP has the target of providing solar home systems to 200,000 households within the five-year project timeline. Sindh Energy Department will identify target districts with low levels of electricity access and provide partial grants to households, to support the purchase of solar home systems from SHS suppliers.

To support the implementation of this initiative, SED will select a consulting firm. The objective of the assignment is to design, develop and implement a robust framework for verification and quality control of SHS installations to ensure that the objectives of the project are met. The consultant shall act as the independent verification agency and submit recommendations for partial grant payments made to qualified SHS suppliers to Project Management Unit (PMU) and shall perform quality control and random testing (field and laboratory based) to ensure that all SHS suppliers are conforming with the standards, rules and processes. The firm shall also administer the registration of SHS suppliers, a consumer complaints hotline, a live tracking platform (web-based), recommend PMU for disbursement of grants to SHS suppliers, and a system for assessing continued eligibility of SHS suppliers in cases of non-compliance.

The draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be downloaded from <https://sindhenergy.gov.pk>.

<sup>1</sup> Further details available here: <https://projects.worldbank.org/P159712?lang=en>

Sindh Energy Department under “Sindh Solar Energy Project” now invites eligible reputed consulting firms, that have excellent expertise in developing monitoring tools and systems and tracking of implementation of similar assignments to the one mentioned in project background to indicate their interest in providing the services specified. Interested firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: (i) General experience of at-least ten (10) years in developing monitoring tools and systems and tracking of implementation of similar assignments (ii) Experience in technology/products that are comparable to SHSs shall be accorded due weightage.; (iii) They should have successfully completed at least two (2) assignments of similar scale and complexity (iv) Management capacity of the firm including general availability of technical and managerial qualified staff in setting up implementation systems and processes; and (v) Logistical capacity through existence of established offices and networks."

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 2017 and August 2018), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of Interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment.

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 with other firms(s). In case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

Technically qualified consulting firms shall be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the paragraph 7.6 of Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, as follows: 0900-1700 hours PST.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered as an electronic PDF file and in hard copy to the below mentioned address by **26<sup>th</sup> August 2019, 5:00 PM office time.**

The REOI is also available at UNDB and World Bank websites.

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