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Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING FIRM)

Name of the Service: **Consultancy/Research firm for conducting 03 studies suggested by NTTFC in FY 2018-19**

Name of the Project: Regional Connectivity Project, MOC [Trade and Transport Facilitation Coordination]

Credit No.: 60020; Project ID No.: 154580

Reference number: BRCP/MOC/SD-01

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing in the amount of US\$ 150 equivalent from the World Bank toward the cost of the Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for consulting services to be procured under this project. The development objective of the project is to improve conditions for trade through improving connectivity, reducing logistics bottlenecks and supporting the adoption of modern approaches to border management and trade facilitation.

The Consulting services require a qualified and experienced organization to serve as the Consultancy/Research firm (the "Consultant") for the BRCP-1. The inter-ministerial National Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee (NTTFC) has been set up to coordinate all trade and transport-related policies and activities in Bangladesh, and will also serve as the Advisory Committee for the Project. The project will conduct the following three studies in 2018-19 fiscal year that are critical for export promotion and trade facilitation. These studies aim to develop in-depth understanding about three relevant areas of trade facilitation and are directly linked with the activities of three implementing agencies of the BRCP-1 umbrella project.

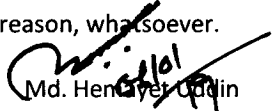
- **Agenda 1: Review of collaborative border management-institutional mechanisms for coordinating across sectors/ministries and across countries;**
- **Agenda 2: Analysis of laws and regulations governing border operations;**
- **Agenda 3: How comparable countries are addressing implementation of TFA.**

The Project Implementation Unit BRCP-1-MOC on behalf of the Ministry of Commerce invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, general qualifications, description of similar assignments, general experience in similar conditions, financial capability, number of key staff and **so forth as per TOR**). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. Details of the qualification requirements and responsibilities are available in TOR.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14 to 3.18 of the World Bank Group's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Procurement in Investment Project Financing, Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank Group's policy on conflict of interest. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Terms of Reference (TOR) will be available in the office of the undersigned and also at www.mincom.gov.bd. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (i.e. 09.00 to 17.00 hours). Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form 2 (two) copies (One original and one copy) and one soft copy (in MS word) in sealed envelope to the address below (in person, or by mail) **by 3.00 PM on 23 January 2019**.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason, whatsoever.


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