



**REFORM SUPPORT UNIT**  
**Education and Literacy Department,**  
**Government of Sindh**

**Sindh Education Sector Project**

Loan No. 4590

Project ID No. P107300

**Expression of Interest**

**Services of Consulting Firm to carry out Third Party Validation of Distribution of Free Textbooks**

The Education Department, Government of Sindh has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Sindh Education Sector Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for Validation of Distribution of Free Textbooks in Sindh.

While the TPV exercise will cover all the districts of Sindh, the selected firm/organization will be required to cover a sample size of 2% of the total number of primary public schools and 4% of those schools with grades 6-10, corresponding to around 1100 primary, middle, elementary and secondary schools of Sindh. Validation will also take place at the student level, with 5 students in every school being covered.

The firms / organizations registered under relevant law, having a demonstrable experience of 8 years (from the date of registration) in development sector, with relevant experience of conducting TPVs (preferably in education or other social sectors), prior experience of working in Sindh (with geographical spread), having requisite HR and capacity, are eligible to apply.

While the total time period for completion of the TPV assignment will be 2 months, the activity is programmed to commence from April 2010. The eligible firms/organizations should provide registration certificates, organizational brochures, description of similar assignments (with details of client, cost of the total assignment undertaken by the firm/organization), experience in similar conditions,; availability of appropriate skills among permanent and other staff, present organogram and financial audit reports of last five years. Firms/organizations may associate with others to enhance their qualifications.

Firm/Organization will be selected in accordance with the Consultants' Qualification (CQS) procedure set out in World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank borrowers, May 2004 (current edition). Interested eligible and reputed firms/ organizations (research and policy institutes, private survey firms, universities and Non-Governmental Organizations) may, Express there Interest (both in hard and soft copies) in carrying out the TPV for Distribution of Free Textbooks, to the undersigned on or before March 27, 2010.

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