

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES– FIRMS SELECTION)
Pakistan**



Assignment Title: HIRING OF CONSULTING FIRM FOR STANDARDIZED ACHIEVEMENT TEST (SAT-V)

Reference No. : RSU/PROC/ SAT-V/ 2016

Under the education sector reforms, the education and literacy department, Reform support unit plans to hire the services of a reputable registered consulting firm to undertake Standardized Achievement Test (SAT-V). The broad objectives of the Standardized Achievement Test (SAT-V) will be to use it as a tool to provide policy information to various areas of education reform.

The test will be conducted in all public schools for class V and VIII (approximately 45,000 schools) across all districts of Sindh of subjects Science, Mathematics and Language. This could be Sindhi, Urdu or English depending on the medium of instruction. The total expected student participation may be 350,000 ±, subject to the verification of enrollment to be carried out by the firm also at least 2 months before the actual test. The firm is expected to provide high quality professional services. Further description of each task along with complete scope is mentioned in the detailed ToRs available on the website of the department (<http://www.rsu-sindh.gov.pk>).

The Reform Support Unit, the implementing agency for the said program, 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 Expression of Interest (Eoi) must include profile of the firm along with last three years financial audit reports, firm registration certificates and tax registration certificate.

The eligibility for short listing is as below:

- Overall demonstrable experience of 5 years after registration in Public Sector preferably in Education sector.
- Registered firm in Pakistan under the relevant laws
- Registration with relevant tax authorities
- Financially stable firm (to be assessed from audit reports and financial statement).
- Not black listed by the World Bank / SPPRA to do its assignments.

The short-listing criteria are:

S.No.	Area of expertise	Score
1	General experience of projects of similar magnitude(30 Marks with 06 marks for each assignment for a maximum up to 05 assignment)	30
2	Specific experience of the firm in carrying out projects with similar scope(40 marks with 10 marks for each assignment for a maximum up to 04 assignment)	40
3	Managerial Capacity of the firm to carry out the assignment (Test designing, administration, monitoring, data processing, E-marking and empirical analysis of large number of students)	30

Qualifying score is 60 marks. The firms / institute / organization may associate with other individuals and organizations to enhance their qualifications. The eligible firms / institute / organization should indicate their interest by providing the information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (including brochures / description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among permanent and other staff, copy of registration, present organogram, information regarding offices and their geographical coverage. This information will be used to short list firms. Request for proposals will be issued to only short listed firms / institute / organization.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **QCBS** method as per SPPRA rules.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1700 hours.

Eoi must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by post) by 18th August, 2016.

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