

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

**COUNTRY:** PAKISTAN

**NAME OF PROJECT:** SINDH EARLY LEARNING ENHANCEMENT THROUGH CLASSROOM TRANSFORMATION (SELECT) PROJECT”

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT:** GOVERNMENT OF SINDH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION UNIT (PMIU) OF REFORM SUPPORT UNIT (RSU).

**LOAN NO./CREDIT NO./ GRANT NO:** TF-B6208

**ASSIGNMENT TITLE:** HIRING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) FIRM FOR CAPACITY BUILDING OF SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND LOCAL EDUCATION MANAGEMENT

**REFERENCE NO.** PK-RSU-SINDH-365266-CS-CQS

The Govt of the Sindh (hereinafter called “Borrower”) has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) in the form of a “loan” (hereinafter called “loan”) towards the cost of SELECT Project”. The Project Management and Implementation Unit (PMIU) of Reform Support Unit (RSU), Education and Literacy Department (ELD), Government of Sindh, an implementing/executing agency of the project, hereinafter, referred to as ‘Client’ intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the contract for Hiring of Consultancy firm for the Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA) Baseline Study & Survey

SELECT PMIU requires the service of a firm to provide technical assistance to develop and deploy a capacity building program for school leadership and district management in SELECT’s 12 districts. The technical assistance is expected to enable them to effectively deliver their job description, and to improve student attendance, retention, transition, and performance in their schools. The scope of the selected organization will be to strengthen the ability of school leaders and district education managers in the following areas: (i) data-and evidenced based school management and leadership and (ii) technology-based approaches to monitor student attendance and limit dropouts.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found/obtained at the following website and address: <https://rsu-sindh.gov.pk/>

The PMIU-SELECT/RSU Education & Literacy Department now 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:**

S#	Description of Criteria	Detailed description	Required documents
1	Year in Business	A minimum requirement for firms/institutions/JV/consortium is to have a minimum of 15 to 20 years of experience working in the education sector	Certificate of incorporation with government agencies or other relevant documents.
2	Relevant Assignment	Firms/Institutions/JV/Consortium should have successfully completed or be currently involved in a minimum of 10 to 15 similar assignments, each with a value ranging from 10 to 20 million for relevant assignment as mentioned in TORs.	Award Letter or Contract agreement and other relevant document
3	General Experience	Firms/Institutions/JV/Consortium have completed or currently involved in 20 to 25 general assignments in education sectors, each with a value ranging from 10 to 20 million	Award Letter or Contract agreement and other relevant document
4	Technical & Managerial Capacity	Firms/Institutions/JV/Consortium must demonstrate sufficient technical and managerial capacity to effectively handle this specific type of assignment.	Firms/Institutions/JV/Consortium should be able to demonstrate and share detail of strong technical and managerial staff and elaborate on process and practices within the organization for ensuring the quality of services to the clients.
5	Local Experience	Firms/Institutions/JV/Consortium possess a deep understanding of the Sindh public/private education system at ground level, including the regional units at the district and taluka level, deep understanding of the linguistic diversity within the target districts included in the baseline.	Firms/Institutions/JV/Consortium are expected to provide a track record that convincingly illustrates their experience and expertise within the local education system's context

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 November 2017 and August 2018] ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Quality Based Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations of the World Bank (2016 and amended 2017 & 2018).

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from **9:00 to 5:00**

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail) **by 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 12:00.**

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