

Chittagong Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (CWASA)  
Chittagong Water Supply Improvement and Sanitation Project (CWSISP)

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of 'Chittagong Water Supply Improvement and Sanitation Project' (CWSISP), to be implemented by Chittagong Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (CWASA), and intends to apply a part of the proceeds of this credit to pay for the 'Internal Audit Firm for Chittagong Water Supply Improvement & Sanitation Project (CWSISP) Credit # 4734-BD'.
2. The CWSISP project includes infrastructure investments for increasing the production of safe water by CWASA, coupled with the rehabilitation and expansion of its water distribution network to increase access to safe water within its service area. Part of the proceeds of the loan will be used to support the comprehensive institutional development of CWASA to modernize its facilities, processes, systems and improve its efficiency.
3. CWASA now wishes to select a suitable consulting firm or consortium with actual experience of internal audit/operational audit/performance audit of similar type of foreign aided Project. Experience in IDA financed Project auditing will be an added qualification. The firm should have proven experience in computer based financial management system.
4. The overall objectives of this assignment are:
  - (a) Identify and evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the financial management and internal control systems
  - (b) Ensure compliance of laid down policies and procedures
  - (c) Express independent professional comments with regard to project management, efficiency, effectiveness and economy of the project operations
  - (d) Review and comments on the implementing agency's compliance with the terms of the Financing Agreement and applicable laws and regulations in relation to financial aspects;
  - (e) Examine that the assets procured for the project exist at the location and validate that assets are used for the purpose they were acquired for; and
  - (f) Recommend measures for improving the performance, and control mechanism of the project.
5. The scope of the assignment will be comprehensive and will cover all activities and financial transactions of the Chittagong Water Supply Improvement & Sanitation project. The audit will also include a physical verification of the assets/ equipment's procured under the project. The audit should be carried out in accordance with the generally accepted Internal Auditing Standards and if necessary such standards, tests/controls prescribed by Institute of Internal Auditors (USA) shall be applied.
6. Firms/consultants may form a consortium with other firms capable of undertaking internal audit/operational audit/performance audit of similar type of foreign aided Project. The consulting Firms must have experience of-
  - 20 (twenty) years in internal audit/operational audit/performance audit in general.
  - Successfully completed internal audit/operational audit/performance audit consultancy services contract amounting to Taka 2 (two) million or more in single contract.
  - Completed at least 01 (one) similar nature of consultancy services within last 05 (five) years.
7. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.) The EOI would be reviewed on the basis of the following to prepare a short list.



