

# **GREATER SHIMLA WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE CIRCLE (GSWSSC)**

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST(EoI)**

### **SHIMLA WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE PROJECT**

#### **Assignment Title: Selection of Consultants for Evaluation of Poverty and Social Impacts (EPSI) Study for Shimla Water Supply & Sewerage Project**

The Water Supply and Sewerage (WSS) system in Shimla – capital of state of Himachal Pradesh, which is more than 100 years old, currently serves a population of 0.2 million. The water supply system comprises 200 km of network, with bulk supply from seven sources. Given the jaundice outbreaks in early 2016, GSWSSC has improved monitoring and disinfection practices. Currently, water supply is 1.5 hours every alternate day and Non-Revenue Water (NRW) is estimated at about 40%. Overall O&M cost recovery is about 21% based on user charges. While O&M cost recovery for distribution only is about 238%, the O&M cost for bulk is very high due to excessive pumping cost for bulk water (cost of bulk is INR 93/kl water consumed, and cost of distribution is about 8 INR/kl water consumed). The sewerage system comprises 221 km of sewerage network and 6 Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) with a total of 36 MLD capacity, but only an average capacity utilization of 30% due to lack of sewer lines and household connections, leakage in network, and limited collection of grey water.

In this context, the World Bank is currently preparing the Shimla Water Supply and Sewerage (WSS) Project as a Development Policy Loan (DPL) operation. The proposed programmatic operation would support the Government of Himachal Pradesh's (GoHP's) program for improving WSS services in the Greater Shimla Area. This first operation lays the foundation for legislative and institutional reforms to improve sector governance and actions necessary for improving operational performance. The key areas of the GoHP program supported by the proposed operation are: (a) strengthening governance by establishing a WSS Company for Greater Shimla Area, and (b) improving WSS service delivery through Private Operator.

The objective of the proposed EPSI study is to assess the existing water supply and sewerage situation in Greater Shimla, its quality, coping strategies adopted by users, coping costs,

challenges on the social front including poor, and related gender issues, along with measures to address these through the proposed WSS Program. The study will also assess potential willingness to pay among consumers for better supply of water and sewerage services. Given the short time frame within which the DPL operation has to commence, the study will rely on a qualitative approach conducting focus group discussions (the FGDs) with different stakeholders in the Greater Shimla area to answer the questions indicated above.

The consultancy services (“the services”) include carrying out an EPSI for the proposed water and sanitation infrastructure improvement for Greater Shimla Area as per the detailed TOR attached as Annexure A

**The time to complete the study is one (1) month.**

The Greater Shimla Water Supply & Sewerage Circle (GSWSSC) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services.

Interested organization/firm should:

- a. Provide information, showing that it is qualified in the field of the assignment and has successfully implemented activities similar in the scope and coverage of the work specified under this ToR;
- b. Demonstrate technical and managerial capabilities in providing similar services;
- c. Provide information on its core business and years in business (company’s experience); and
- d. Provide information on the qualification of key staff, who are expected to participate in the delivery of work and activities specified under the attached ToR

The Qualification Criteria for the interested organisation / firms will be:

1. Experience in carrying out at least two (2) assignments on Evaluation of Poverty and Social Impacts studies(30%),
2. Should have average turnover of min INR 25lacs in last three years (10%),
3. Experience in similar conditions (Hilly area Experience) (5%),
4. Presence of appropriate qualifications & skills among staff as per ToR (40%),
5. Approach & Methodology(15%).

The firms obtaining minimum 70 % marks shall be considered qualified. Financial bids of only qualified firms shall be opened on the date and time of opening as communicated to the qualified bidders.

The bidders are responsible to ensure their presence or their authorised representative's presence on the date and time of the opening of financial bids. The least cost bid shall be declared as successful bidder.

Bids submitted by the interested bidders shall be valid for one month from the last date of submission of bids as mentioned in the EoI.

Consultants are required to bid as a sole bidder only. No joint venture or sub consultancy agreements to enhance their qualifications are allowed under this EoI.

This EoI is Single stage two envelope bid. The Bidders shall submit hard copy duly sealed and clearly marked following on the envelopes;

Envelope A – Technical Proposal

Envelope B- Financial Bid

All the documents submitted as part of the bids shall be signed and stamped by the authorised signatory. Letter of authorisation in this regards shall be submitted.

Financial Bid should be in Indian Currency only.

No conditional bid shall be submitted, conditional bids shall be rejected.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (Monday to Friday, 10:00 – 17:00 hours, except on public holidays).

Expressions of Interest (One original and one copy) must be delivered to the address below not later than 3:00 PM Local time 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The packages must be clearly marked with the title **Selection of Consultants for Evaluation of Poverty and Social Impacts (EPSI) Study for Shimla Water Supply & Sewerage Project**

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