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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS  
THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND CHALLENGES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF 765KV  
CROSS BORDER LINE BETWEEN KATI HAR AND BORNAGAR USING BANGLADESH TERRITORY  
(PACKAGE NO. # S-31)**

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1. Bangladesh and India share bonds of history, language, culture, and multitude of other commonalities. The excellent bilateral ties reflect an all-encompassing partnership based on sovereignty, equality, trust, and understanding that goes far beyond a strategic partnership. In order to coordinate the cooperative institutional relationship in power sector between the countries, it has been proposed a 765kV Cross Border Transmission Line between Katihar and Bornagar Using Bangladesh Territory. Before going for implementation the proposed transmission line, it is essential to point out the Socio-economic & Environmental Impacts and due diligence contexts of the implementation of "765kV Cross Border line between Katihar and Bornagar using Bangladesh Territory".
2. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a fund from the International Development Agency towards the cost of the Electricity Distribution and Modernization Program (EDMP), credit no. 7021-BD and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payment under the contracts for appointment of consultant for "Consultancy Services to Examine and Assess the Socio-economic & Environmental Impacts and Challenges for Implementation of 765kV Cross Border Line between Katihar and Bornagar Using Bangladesh Territory". Power Cell, therefore, intends to appoint an internationally reputed consultancy firm to accomplish the mentioned services by using World Bank fund under "TA for Strengthening and Development of Sustainable Power Sector in Bangladesh" project of Power Cell, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resource.
3. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. The short-listing criteria are:
  - a) General experience of the Firm(s)
  - b) Experience in similar projects of compatible size, complexity, and technical specialty in the required area
  - c) Financial Soundness of the firm
  - d) Staffing and logistics of the firm.
4. A consulting firm is allowed to submit the Expression of Interest (EOI) alone if it considers itself to be fully qualified on its own for the assignment, as it is not mandatory for consultants to associate with any other firm(s), whether foreign or local. Alternatively, if consultants themselves choose to associate to enhance their qualifications and capability for the assignment, then such associations may either be as a Joint Venture (i.e. all members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally responsible) and/or Sub-consultants (i.e. the Consultant will be responsible, including for the services of the sub-consultant). In case of an association, the Consultants must explain in the EOI submission (a) the rationale for forming the association and (b) the anticipated role and relevant qualifications of each member of the Joint Venture and/or of each sub-consultant for carrying out the assignment, to justify the proposed inclusion of the JV members and/or sub-consultants in the association. Failure to provide the above explanation in the Expression of Interest may risk the association not being shortlisted for the assignment. However, the qualifications/experience of sub-consultants will not be considered by Power Cell in the evaluation of Expressions of Interest for Shortlisting purposes.
5. Consultants are requested to submit the following supporting documents against the above mentioned criteria: (a) The Firm's Incorporation/Trade/registration documents from the country of the firm; (b) JV agreement/letter of intent (if applicable); (c) Firm's brochure; (d) Description of similar consultancy contracts, including the scope, contract amount, name of Client, period of the contract (date of contract signing to date of completion), location/country of the services, etc.; (e) Audited financial reports for last three years; (f) Short Biography of Key Professional; (g) Company's Income Tax certificate/Income Tax registration certificate; (h) Service experience record (including nature, total cost, total input in terms of staff month, employer, location of service, scope of services, etc.) of not more than 15 assignments, if more than 15 is submitted then 1<sup>st</sup> 15 service experience will be considered. The experience of a parent company, subsidiary company, group company, or associates (whatever the names) of the Applicant shall not be considered in evaluation.
6. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method.
7. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 09:00 to 17:00 hours or download the pdf version of the document with detailed ToR from Power Cell website (<http://www.powercell.gov.bd>), PGCB website (<http://www.pgcb.gov.bd>) or CPTU website (<http://www.cptu.gov.bd>) from the date of publication of EOI.
8. Applicants are requested to submit their EOI (hard copy & soft copy) to the above mentioned address within the submission deadline of **30 March, 2023, 14:00 Hrs (BST)**. Any submission received after the confirmed submission date will not be accepted.



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