

**NEPAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY**  
**(A Government of Nepal Undertaking)**  
Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for  
Consulting Services: Project Supervision Consultant of  
Electricity Grid Modernization Project  
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1. The Government of Nepal has applied financing from Asian Development Bank in the form of a loan toward the cost of Electricity Grid Modernization Project. Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA), the implementing agency of the proposed project intends to apply part of the proceeds of the loan to eligible payments under the contract for project supervision consultant for supervision, implementation and management of both the project and the contract from technical and safeguard aspects for the 10 (ten) subprojects involving 220 kV transmission line, 132 kV transmission line, 220 kV GIS substation, 132 kV AIS substation, transmission conductor upgrading, smart metering, substation automation, distribution command and control center as detailed in Terms of References.
2. NEA ("the Employer") now invites eligible Consultant (a consulting firm or consortium of consulting firms or consulting arm of electric utility) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Expression of interest (EOI) will be assessed based on Management Competence (10%), Technical Competence (80%) and Geographical Competence (10%). Based on the evaluation of EOI, shortlisted consultants will be invited to submit a full technical proposal and financial proposal through the request for proposal.
3. The details of the package are accessible from ADB's consulting services recruitment notice (<http://csr.n.adb.org>), and interested organizations are encouraged to submit their EOI through ADB's consultant management system (registration and access through <http://csr.n.adb.org> or <http://cms.adb.org>). The same information (detailed request for EOI and Terms of Reference) can be found in the office of NEA or downloaded from the web site: [www.nea.org.np](http://www.nea.org.np). The interested Consultants must provide information in the form of brochures, description of completed similar assignments, work experience in the specified areas, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc. to show their technical, managerial and financial competence to perform the services. Such information must also include a brief description of the firm together with the organization structure and staffing. In particular, the information must include, among others, the following:
  - I. General and specific experience of the firm;
  - II. Experience of the firm in Construction Supervision of the High Voltage Transmission and substation Projects. The Consultant must provide information on jobs undertaken in the past fifteen (15) years giving a brief description of each job undertaken, the funding source(s), and amount of contract and information on the client/employer;
  - III. Corporate profile of the firm;
  - IV. Information on organizational strength (organizational structure, number of permanent professional staffs and number of total staffs) and;
  - V. Duly filled up **Attachment-1** (Project Information Sheet) (given in the website).
4. The application must be responsive to the requirements mentioned above and information sought in **Attachment-1**. The application should be in sufficient details to be verifiable. Consultants may associate with others to enhance their qualifications. However, a Consulting firm shall

submit only one (1) EOI proposal as either a single entity or a partner in Joint Venture and an associate partner shall not associate with more than one (1) shortlisted consulting firm for RFP submission.

5. The services to be provided by the firm(s) are estimated at 55 person-months of international key experts and 205 person-months of national non key experts. It is expected that the consulting services will last for about 48 months.
6. The bidding consultant must have more than Fifteen (15) years of consulting experience in the power sector. Here, bidding consultant shall mean the consultant who has submitted the EOI and not its parent or subsidiary company.
7. Within last 15 (fifteen) years, the Consultant must have completed, as minimum, the consulting job/contracts of project supervision of (i) at least two 220 kV (and/or above) High Voltage Transmission line with minimum route length of 25 km (ii) at least two 220 kV (and/or above) High Voltage GIS substation and (iii) at least two 132 kV (and/or above) High Voltage AIS substations. The Consulting firm must have completed project supervision of one 220 kV or above voltage level transmission line and/or substation project outside the Consultant's home country. The consulting firm must have experience of supervision of social and environmental safeguard implementation and compliance activities for at least two transmission line projects and GESI compliance activities for at least one project. In order to substantiate the aforementioned consulting contracts, the consultant shall submit the End User Certificate from Client depicting main scope of the contract. Incomplete or On-going Consulting Contracts will not be taken in to account and hence will not be evaluated.
8. The Consultant(s) will be selected and engaged in accordance with the ADB's Procurement Policy and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time) under the Quality and Cost Based (QCBS at 90:10 ratio) selection method.
9. Tentative commencement date of the consulting will be April 2021.
10. The Expressions of Interest, EOI (one original and one duplicate) shall either be delivered to the address below by 12.00 hours Nepal Standard Time on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020 or through CMS (online) is 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020. The EOI should be clearly marked with "Expression of Interest for Project Supervision Consulting Services for Electricity Grid Modernization Project".

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11. Interested Consultant(s) may obtain further information at the above address during office hours.
12. NEA reserves the right to reject any or all of the EOIs at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s). NEA will not be responsible for any cost of expenses incurred by the firms in connection with the preparation or delivery of the EOI.