

## **ARIAS SOCIETY**

**Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services Society (ARIASS)**

*(An Autonomous Body under Govt. of Assam)*

**Project Coordination Unit (PCU), World Bank financed Assam Agribusiness & Rural Transformation Project (APART),**

No. ARIASS/APART/MW/177/2017/29-A

Dated, Guwahati, the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017

### **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)**

**For Hiring an Architectural Consultancy for design and Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) preparation for Up-gradation/ Renovation of Assam State Warehousing Corporation (ASWC)**

1. The Government of Assam (GoA) has applied for a loan from the World Bank to implement Assam Agribusiness & Rural Transformation Project (APART), which is likely to start from early 2017. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is "increasing value-added and improve resilience of selected agricultural value chains, focusing on small holder farmers and agro-entrepreneurs in targeted districts of Assam". The Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services Society now intends to apply a portion of the loan for hiring an "architectural consultancy for design and Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) preparation for upgradation/renovation of warehouses of Assam State Warehousing Corporation (ASWC)".
2. The key indicators of the project would be (1) Farmers reached with agricultural assets or services (number) of which female (%) (2) Increase in quality as measured by price premium of commodities sold by beneficiaries in the selected value chains (%) (3) Share of agricultural commodities sold through new marketing channels (%) and (4) Farmers adopting improved agricultural technology (number).
3. APART activities are grouped into four major components: (i) Component A: Support to Agri Enterprise Development (ii) Component B: Facilitate Agro Cluster Development (iii) Component C: Market-led Production and Resilience Enhancement (iv) Component D: Project Management, Monitoring and Learning.
4. The project has a very robust sub-component on supply chain support with an objective of upgrade infrastructure for agricultural trade, which reduces wastage and value erosion in these clusters and to enable producers, agri entrepreneurs, and other value chain participants to access new markets. One of the major activities to achieve this objective is modernizing and upgrading of select warehouses, of Assam State Warehousing Corporation (ASWC) including introduction of warehouse receipts in these warehouses in collaboration with commercial banks.
5. Briefly the scope of the Consultancy assignment would cover- (a) Site plan indicating the location of the buildings, inter modal transport facilities, surface parking, approach facilities, landscaping area, roads etc.; (b) Conceptual Design with necessary plans, sections, elevations, details with their merits and demerits and preliminary estimate based on their practical survey work; (c) Drawings/pictures containing all the details required for the construction; (d) Cost estimates for the civil and electrical, tender drawings and other relevant details; (e) Preparation of drawings, designs, outline specifications, schedule of items with quantities and detailed technical specifications and detailed estimate.
6. The State Project Director (SPD), ARIAS Society now invites eligible consultancy firms/ agencies to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) for "Consultancy Service for design and Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) preparation for Up-gradation/ Renovation of Assam State Warehousing Corporation (ASWC)". Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services as indicated in the Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the proposed assignment, which may be seen at the website of ARIAS Society viz ([www.arias.in/notification](http://www.arias.in/notification)).
7. **The list of documents to be submitted along with EOI are**(*Expression of Interest shall not be more than total 60 pages*):
  - a. Name, complete address, fax number, e-mail address along with a note on the Ownership and organizational structure & core business area;
  - b. Document (s) to demonstrate that the firm is in the business for the last five (5) years;
  - c. Details of at least 3 similar assignments executed in the last 5 years (2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16) to support the short-listing criteria accompanied by completion or acceptance certificate(s), including experience, if any, of having worked with public sector agencies in India/ projects funded by International Multilateral/ Bilateral agencies;
  - d. Certificate from the statutory auditors/ Chartered Accountant certifying the total turnover during each of the last 3 financial years (i.e. 2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16);
  - e. In-house available expertise with domain knowledge and experience in similar assignments.
8. **The short-listing criteria include:** The firm/ agency should
  - a. be in business of designing warehouses, cold storages, godowns & other storage structures assignments for at least last five (5) years;
  - b. have Average Annual Financial Turnover of minimum **Rs.2.0 crore** in the last 3 financial years (2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16);
  - c. Experience in developing warehouse architectural designs, workings drawings, bill of quantity and the specification for warehouse construction projects
  - d. have proven experience of successfully completed at least 3 similar assignments in last 5 years (2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16);
  - e. have a multidisciplinary in-house technical team and expert staff available with them.
9. The consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers; Procurement of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting & Consulting Services, July 2016", available at [www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org). Attention of the interested agencies is drawn to paragraph 3.14 of the said Regulations relating to the Conflict of Interest. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture (JV) or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. However, nature of association i.e. whether JV or Sub-Consultant, must be clearly mentioned in the Expression of Interest.
10. Interested Consultancy Firms/ Agencies must deliver their EOIs in written form in English language to the address given below on or before **14<sup>th</sup> February 2017** in hard copy as well as a soft copy. Further information can be obtained at the address of the SPD given below from 11.00 am to 04.00 pm (IST) on all working days.

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