

West Bengal State Rural Development Agency

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Institutional Strengthening of Gram Panchayats (ISGP) Project Cell

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India: Institutional Strengthening of Gram Panchayats Project (ISGPP) (P105990)

Hiring of services for conducting External Audit for ISGP Project for 2011-12

[Package No. WB/ISGP/C/004(R-3)]

Credit No. (4758-IN)

Expression of Interest

No.359/ISGPP/20E-1(EP)/7

Dated: Kolkata, the 14th March, 2012

1. This request for expressions of interest follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared in Development Business for this project Dated February 10, 2010.
2. The Panchayats and Rural Development Department, Govt. of West Bengal, has received a credit of US\$ 200 million equivalent from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the Institutional Strengthening of Gram Panchayats Project (ISGPP) in West Bengal, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for **“Hiring of services for conducting External Audit for ISGP Project for 2011-12”**. The Auditor shall be expected to complete the assignment within 2 months from the date of award of contract.
3. The Audit Firms that meet the following mandatory criteria shall be considered for shortlisting:
 - a. The firm shall be affiliated to ‘The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India’.
 - b. The firm must be empanelled with the ‘Comptroller and Auditor General of India’;
 - c. The firm must be a partnership firm with at least 2 (two) partners with post qualification experience of 10 years and above;
 - d. Turnover of the firm for the last three financial years (FY) from audit should be Rs 25 lakh and above;
 - e. The firm must have a head- office or branch office in West Bengal which is in existence/ operational for more than 5 years;
 - f. The firm should have proven record of conducting audit of Externally Aided Projects of Central Government or State Government in social sector within last 5 years;

4. The ISGPP Cell of WBSRDA, now invites eligible Audit Firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Audit Firms must provide relevant documents in support of their eligibility stated under para 3 and other relevant 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.).
5. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by Bank Borrower, January 2011* available at www.worldbank.org/procure.
6. Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address given below from 10.00 – 17.00 hours on all working days from Monday to Friday.
7. Expression Of Interest superscribed **“Hiring of services for conducting External Audit for ISGP Project for 2011-12”** must be delivered to the following address not later than **15.00 hrs on March 30, 2012**. The proposals are to be submitted in Hard copy only (electronic submission of the proposal is not acceptable).

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