

# **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 of Agency for Base Line Survey [Package No. WB/ISGP/C/001(R-2)] Credit No. (4758-IN)**

### **Expression of Interest**

No576 /ISGPP/20E-1(EP)/2

Dated: Kolkata, the 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2011

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 of Agency for Base Line Survey”**. This consultancy assignment is to gather information from all 1000 ISGP project Gram Panchayats(GPs) spread across 9 selected districts of West Bengal related to (i) planning process and status; (ii) audit performance; (iii) financial management, expenditure performance and Gram Panchayat Management System(GPMS) status; (iv) monitoring and inspections; and (v) participation and accountability issues of GPs. The data collected as baseline will be used for assessing performance of GPs over a period of time. The Consultant will be responsible for development of survey instruments, engagement and training of required staff, survey implementation and documentation. The Consultant shall be expected to complete the surveys within 4 months from the date of award of contract.
3. The ISGPP Cell of WBSRDA, now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Consultancy Services. Interested consultants must provide 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.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. The “Association” may take the form of a joint venture (with joint and several liability) or of a sub-consultancy.

4. 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](http://www.worldbank.org/procure).
5. 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.
6. Expression Of Interest superscribed "Hiring of services of Agency for Base Line Survey" must be delivered to the following address not later than **15.00 hrs on August 16, 2011**. The proposals are to be submitted in Hard copy only (electronic submission of the proposal is not acceptable).

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