

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 Mid line review of Capacity building Initiatives under ISGP Project, Service Delivery and Governance in Project Gram Panchayats in West Bengal

[Package No. WB/ISGP/C/008(R-4)]

Credit No. (4758-IN)

Expression of Interest

No:393/ISGPP/20E-2(Proc)/56

Dated: Kolkata, the 1st April, 2013

1. This request for expressions of interest follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared in Development Business for this project Dated February 10, 2010.

Government of India has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) equivalent to US\$ 200 Million towards the cost of the Institutional Strengthening of Gram Panchayats Project (ISGPP) in West Bengal and the implementing agency, ISGP Project of WBSRDA under P&RD Department, GOWB, intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for **“Hiring of services for conducting Mid line review of Capacity building Initiatives under ISGP Project, Service Delivery and Governance aspects in Project Gram Panchayats in West Bengal”**. The consultancy envisages a mid-line Review of a) the training and capacity building initiatives for institutional strengthening of Gram Panchayats and b) Service delivery by the Gram Panchayats and Governance aspects at the GP level and also to suggest recommendations for further improvement in connection with implementation of World Bank assisted ISGP Project in West Bengal. The consultancy is for specific purpose of reviewing the interventions and progress made through capacity building by providing mentoring support and formal training initiatives(through STARPARD) and in the issues of service delivery and governance by Project GPs in the course of the journey to half of the term of the Project.

2. The Consultant will be responsible for development and testing of the review instruments, develop guidelines, checklist/questionnaire and tools for the said review assessment in randomly selected 20-25 Gram Panchayats and District Training Centres (DTCs) of the State. The Consultant shall be expected to complete the full assignment,

including the study and design preparation within 14 weeks from the date of award of contract.

3. The ISGP Project 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 key experts in capacity building, governance & service delivery issues, rural civil engineering etc.) in rural/PRI context. The Consultant/agency must have experience of working in local self government set up particularly Gram Panchayats. 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.
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 super scribed “Hiring of services for conducting Mid line review of Capacity building Initiatives under ISGP Project, Service Delivery and Governance in Project Gram Panchayats in West Bengal” must be delivered to the following address not later than 15.00 hrs on April 16, 2013. The proposals are to be submitted in Hard copy only. Electronic submission of the proposal is not acceptable.

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