

**Institutional Strengthening of Gram Panchayats (ISGP) Project**  
**Panchayats & Rural Development Department**  
**Government of West Bengal**

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**Credit No. (4758-IN)**

**“Hiring of services for Annual Performance Assessment of Gram  
Panchayats under ISGP Project”**

**[Package No. WB/ISGP/C/002(R-6)]**

**Call for Expression of Interest**

1. The Panchayats and Rural Development Department, Govt. of West Bengal, has received a credit equivalent to US\$ 200 million 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 Annual Performance Assessment of Gram Panchayats under ISGP Project”**.
2. The ISGP Project now invites eligible firms to indicate their interest in providing the Consultancy Services. Main Objectives of the assignment are:
  - A. To assess performance of 1000 ISGP Project Gram Panchayats (GPs) based on agreed indicators and prepare a list of GPs eligible for ISGP Project Grant.
  - B. To identify the institutional strengths and weaknesses of the GPs on the basis of independent assessment.
3. This assignment requires a highly competent firm with extensive experience in similar nature of work related to rural local governance and related institutional development issues.
4. Interested consultants must provide detailed information indicating that they are qualified to perform the Services [brochures, description of similar assignments (with contract value) conducted during last five years, availability of pool of skilled staff/experts etc.
5. The Consultant firm will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** procedure 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).

6. Interested Consultant firms may obtain further information at the address given below from 10.30 –17.00 hours from Monday to Friday.
7. Expression of Interest (along with detailed information indicating qualification to perform the Services as indicated above) super scribed “**Hiring of services for Annual Performance Assessment of Gram Panchayats under ISGP Project**” must reach the following address not later than **07 February, 2014 (5.00 PM.)**.

**Procurement Manager**  
**ISGP Project, Panchayats & Rural Development Department,**  
**Joint Administrative Building, 8th Floor, B-wing, Block HC-7, Sector-III,**  
**Salt Lake, Kolkata-700106**

8. The EoIs are to be submitted in Hard copy only.

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Procurement Manager  
ISGP Project