Assignment Title: **HIRING OF A FIRM FOR CARRYING OUT THIRD PARTY VALIDATION OF STUDENTS STUDYING UNDER BRICK KILNS PROGRAMME**

Government of the Punjab (GOPb) has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Second Punjab Education Sector Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

Government of the Punjab is implementing the Punjab Education Sector Reform Programme (PESRP) with the assistance of the World Bank to support and scale-up specific interventions to improve education outcomes. GOPb is implementing the given initiatives in transparent and robust manners to accomplish the desired output within the minimum possible timeframe. These initiatives have been designed to directly promote greater school quality apart from other steps recruiting merit based teachers at all levels and through these improvements, promote the retention of students and school participation of new children.

Under the Second Punjab Education Sector Program (PESP II), supported by the World Bank (WB), Government of the Punjab (GoPb) is seeking a reputable, experienced management firm in Pakistan to conduct Third Party Validation of all students who have got admission in the schools in Punjab under the special drive of the Government of the Punjab for Brick Kilns. The firm is expected to undertake all activities related to field survey, data collection, data entry, data processing, and report writing with proper analysis.

Programme Monitoring and Implementation Unit (PMIU) now invites registered firms which have NTN and GST/PST to submit Expression of Interest (EOI). Interested firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Evaluation criteria for evaluating the Expression of Interest (EOI) would be as follows:
- Corporate Capacity (attach certificate of incorporation): Firms Experience: 5 scores for each year: 20 scores
- Track Record and Detail of similar works/assignments already completed (please give complete detail as indicated below): 60 scores
i. Name of each assignment completed, duration and cost involved: 5 scores for each assignment of Rs 3.00 million and above or 2 scores for each assignment below Rs 3.0 million: 30 scores

ii. Experience in Public Sector particularly in Education Sector; 5 scores for each assignment of Rs 3.00 million and above or 2 scores for each assignment below Rs 3.0 million: 30 scores

- Financial Stability/Position: Audited Reports/Bank Statement for the last 4 years: 5 scores for each audited report/bank statement indicating financial outlay of Rs 3.00 million and above: 20 scores

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers [January 2011] (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on Consultant Qualification (CQS) method set out in the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants (under IBRD Loans & IDA Credits and Grants) by World Bank Borrowers (2011).

A consulting firm may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 0900 to 1600 Monday to Friday. Detailed TORs including evaluation criteria can be downloaded from the PMIUs’ Website: www.pesrp.edu.pk.

Expression of interest must be delivered in a written form at the address below by April 11, 2016 before 3.00 PM which will be opened on the same day at 3.30 PM in the presence of the representative(s) of the firms.

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