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Clarifications issued on the REOI referred to below:

Tender Notice Type:	Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)	Reference No.	PPP/Admin/Tender-95/2012/274
Tender Title:	REOI (Firm) for Consultancy Services for Provision of PPP Transaction Advisory Services	Closing Date:	August 13,2012
Tender Description:	REOI to shortlist firms on a sector basis for the provision of PPP Transaction Advisory Services.		

Sl No.	Questions	Answers
1.	It is assumed that CVs will be evaluated on a sector basis. Therefore, please confirm if the same person's CV can be used for multiple sectors.	The use of the same person's CV in multiple sectors is permissible.
2.	Are international consultants eligible for participating in the process?	This REOI has been issued to comply with the minimum 21 days timeframe for submission considering the process is an international procurement where National and International Consultants may participate.
3.	Is it mandatory for the international consultant, if selected, to have an office premise/ full time personnel located at Dhaka?	The detailed issues in relation to the international consultant, if selected, will be clarified with the Terms Of Reference (TOR) in the RFP at the later stage.
4.	In reference to the REOI notice for Consultancy Services for Provision of PPP Transaction Advisory Services, is there an additional Terms of Reference (TOR) that can be provided?	Apart from the published REOI, no further TOR is applicable at this stage. The REOI has been published in detail and covers all the issues that need to be considered by interested applicants for their submission at this stage.
5.	Please clarify the reference to paragraph 5 & paragraph 6 as mentioned in line mark "h" of the notice under the paragraph 10.	In line mark "h", under the paragraph 10, set out the specific experience of the firm which is related to the sectors mentioned in paragraph"6" and the tasks mentioned in paragraph"5".
6.	While clause 11 of the REOI does not explicitly mention the provisions for a single firm to submit EOI in more than one consortium (for more than one EOI submission), please clarify whether any firm can join in more than one consortium for multiple EOI submissions.	Each individual firm should make a single EOI submission for consideration of short-listing. The individual firm can either submit an EOI on a single firm basis in which case the short-listing will be based on their own merits or they can put in a submission in the form of a Joint-Venture in which case the short-listing will be done on a joint basis with the other firm.
7.	Given the wide range of sectors and sub-sectors, please clarify if there is any limitation to the number of member firms in a consortium including the number of sub-consulting firms.	Details in relation to the application of sub- consulting firms is not relevant at this stage. Further instruction in relation to this will be set out in the RFP stage.



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8.	Please clarify whether the project experience of the sub-consulting firms of a consortium will be considered in the evaluation.	The project experience of the sub-consulting firms of a consortium is not a relevant consideration in this short-listing stage. The issue may be applicable at the RFP stage and therefore further information will be issued at that stage.
9.	Please confirm that only one original copy of EOI is to be submitted. Please confirm.	We are expecting interested applicants to submit three (3) copies of their EOI submission; this will consist of one original submission and two additional copies of the original submission.
10.	Is it possible to provide a soft copy of the Tender Document through email?	Copy of the REOI is available on our website (http://www.pppo.gov.bd) under the tab Tender → PPP Advisor (http://www.pppo.gov.bd/tenders/ppp-advisors/).
11.	Is there any information about the Tendering Procedure and Guidelines?	For details about the Tendering Procedure and Guidelines please refer to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and Public Procurement Rules – 2008 of Bangladesh.
12.	What is the Estimated Budget for this purchase?	The estimated budget is not relevant at this stage, because the REOI is being issued in order to receive the background information about interested applicants which is necessary to prepare a short-list of applicants to whom, at a later stage, the Request For Proposal (RFP) will be issued.
13.	Is it acceptable for a consortium to be formed with a legal firm?	There is no requirement or restriction to form an association with any legal firm. The PPP Office is intending to launch, in due course, a separate procurement process for the appointment of legal advisors for PPP projects.
14.	Can a consulting firm associate with more than one local firm in Bangladesh, for this expression of interest?	There is no restriction in relation to the number of firms in which association can be made. However if an individual firm submits an EOI on a single firm basis, the short-listing will be based on their own merits or if they put a submission in the form of Joint-Venture, the short-listing will be done on a joint basis with the other firm.
15.	Is there any limit on the number of Consultants being empanelled?	Up to 7 consulting firms will be short-listed on a sector by sector basis.
16.	Is there a need to present the original registration certificate in the application?	It is recommended to submit the photocopy of the original copy of the registration certificate, attested by the Embassy or notary public.
17.	Should consulting firms issue separate Expression of Interest (EOI) for each of the sectors mentioned in the notice?	Each individual firm should make a single Expression of Interest (EOI) submission for consideration of short-listing. In the REOI responses, the consulting firms must specify at least 2 or more of the sectors (listed in paragraph 6 of the REOI) for which they wish to be considered.



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18.	Please clarify, whether submission of EOI in a single sector will be rejected?	As set out in paragraph 10 of the REOI, the consulting firms must specify at least 2 or more of the sectors in their EOI.
19.	If the answer is that we will be rejected unless we propose 2 sectors, then are we allowed to team with another firm in a different sector to form a team with at least 2 sectors?	As set out in paragraph 11 in the REOI, you will note that the consulting firms may associate to enhance their qualifications now.
20.	It is noted that the deadline for the EOI is 4:00pm. Please clarify whether is this 4 pm, Bangladesh time?	The deadline for submission is 4pm Bangladesh Time on Monday 13 August 2012.
21.	Please clarify, whether a letter of intent in favour of a consulting firm by the JV partners will suffice the requirement or any specific document is required to illustrate the formation of the Joint Venture.	<p>A letter of intent to enter in to a Joint-Venture agreement or a Joint-Venture agreement will suffice to meet the requirement at this stage.</p> <p>Please note that letter of intent to enter to the Joint-Venture agreement shall be in accordance with Rule 54 of Public Procurement Rules 2008, Bangladesh.</p>