

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

India

GUJARAT STATE HIGHWAY PROJECT-II (GSHP-II)

Assignment Title: Consultancy services for **Internal Audit of Second Gujarat State Highway Project (GSHP II)**

The Government of India on behalf of Government of Gujarat (hereinafter called "Borrower") has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Gujarat State Highway Project - II. The Borrower intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services of ("the Services") include:

The objective of the consultancy is to provide the project management (PIU and the designated R&BD divisions) timely *fiduciary* assurance that the (i) financial management systems and internal control procedures as applicable to the project are being adhered to by the various implementing units, (ii) the financial reports being submitted to the PIU are in agreement with the books of account and can be relied upon to support the disbursements made by the Bank.

The internal auditor shall provide the PIU with timely information and recommendations on the financial management aspects of the Project to enable the management to take corrective measures, wherever necessary.

Detailed EOI and the Terms of reference (TOR) with the short listing criteria are available on www.gshp2.gov.in

The Superintending Engineer, On behalf Governor of Gujarat, Project Implementation Unit, Second Gujarat State Highway Project (GSHP-II), now invites eligible consulting firms ("for Internal Audit") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.

The attention of interested consulting firms is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the above said World Bank's *Guidelines selection and employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers of world bank (January 2011)*, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultancy Firm will be selected in accordance with the QCBS selection method set out in Guidelines for selection of Consultancy Firm by the World Bank

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours on working days between 11:00 to 17:00 hours.

Office of the Superintending Engineer,
Project Implementation Unit,
Ground Floor, Nirman Bhavan, Sector 10/A,
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Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below on or before date 20/12/2013 up to 12:00 hours (IST).

Office of the Executive Engineer,
State Road Project Division,
Block-E, 7th Floor, Room No.709, "Kuber Bhavan"
Kothi Building Compound, Vadodara-39001.
Phone: -0265-2418381
Facsimile: -0265-2426241
E-mail: exesrd-vad-rnb@gujarat.gov.in

Minimum Eligibility Criteria

1. The Consultant (Audit firm) shall be empanelled with C&AG in the panel of audit firms eligible for major audit.
2. The Consultant (Audit firm) shall be independent of the entity to be audited.
3. The Consultant (Audit firm) is not one against which disciplinary orders have been issued by the Public Companies Accounting Oversight Board and these orders are in force.
4. The Consultant (Audit firm) has experience in audit of financial statements or internal audit of
 - a. Project financed by bilateral or multilateral agencies; or
 - b. Agencies implementing government projects (other than above); or
 - c. Public sector undertakings in the same sector (other than above)Only that experience is considered which pertains to audit of internal audit of the project/agency as a whole.
5. The Consultant (Audit firm) submits filled up Structured Questionnaire.
6. Either the head office or a branch office of the Consultant (Audit firm) is located in the state of Gujarat.

Short listing criteria

1. Long standing of the Consultant (Audit firm) – More than 10 years.
2. Turnover of the Consultant (Audit firm) for the last three financial years from audit and assurance services. – More than 25 lacs.
3. Experience of the Consultant (Audit firm) during last 5 years in audit of Internal Audit of
 - a. Project financed by bilateral or multilateral agencies; or
 - b. Agencies implementing government projects (other than above); or
 - c. Public sector undertakings in the same sector (other than above)Only that experience is considered which pertains to audit of internal audit of the project/agency as a whole.
4. Response to structured Questionnaire.
5. Experience and Association of Partners
6. Experience and Association of Qualified full time staff.
7. Locational Presence of the Consultant (Audit firm) in the state of Gujarat.