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

Dated: 14-01-2019

COUNTRY: INDIA

NAME OF THE FIRM: KERALA RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION

AGENCY(KRWSA)

NAME OF PROJECT: SECOND KERALA RURAL WATER SUPPLY &

SANITATION PROJECT(JALANIDHI II PROJECT)

Credit No.: 5027-IN

Assignment Title: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR SUSTAINABILITY EVALUATION EXERCISE (SEE-III) OF JALANIDHI II PROJECT

The Government of Kerala has received credit from the International Development Association (World Bank) towards the cost of the Second Kerala Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project (known as Jalanidhi II Project), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for Consultancy for Sustainability Evaluation Exercise of the project.

The major objective of this assignment is to evaluate the sustainability of the various water supply systems set up under this project such that

- Assess the degree of sustainability of the systems that have been set up under the project- technical, financial, institutional and operational including the source, on pre- determined parameters that impact sustainability.
- Study the organizational dynamics operating in a community driven service utility.
- Understand the emerging issues and suggest responsive measures that can be adopted in the project to either mitigate or even prevent such fallouts.

Of the total 1943 functional schemes in the project as on 20/9/2018, 691 schemes have completed more than one year of operation after scheme exit formalities done by KRWSA at present. Stratified random sample from these schemes are to be studied on the identified parameters defining sustainability. 200 pumping schemes of batch-I/II/III are to be covered in the proposed study. The sustainability scenario of new schemes, large water supply schemes, KWA(Kerala Water Authority) / GP(Grama Panchayath) rehabilitation schemes and Schemes implemented in Tribal GPs are to be studied separately.

The Kerala Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required

qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- 1. Demonstrable experience conducting Sustainability Evaluation Exercise of Water Supply and Sanitation schemes for a minimum of five years.(Marks-30)
- 2. Financial Strength of the Consultant firm minimum annual turnover should be Rs.20 lakhs for each of the last three financial years.(Marks-20)
- 3. Availability of Key professionals/experts and have appropriate skills among staff proposed for the assignment. (In the area of community managed WATSAN projects etc.)-(Marks-30)
- 4. Experience in working with similar projects.(Marks-20)

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 edition, as revised in July 2014]' ('Consultant Guidelines'), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest which is attached herewith. The services required will be as per the 'Terms of Reference' attached herewith.

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

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the 'CQS method (Selection based on the Consultants' qualifications)' set out in the Consultant Guidelines copy of which is attached herewith.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (10.15 am to 5.15 pm) in working days of Govt. of Kerala.

Expressions of interest should be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by post, or by e-mail) by **31-01-2019**, **12.00 PM**. (soft copy of the same may also be forwarded to the email address mentioned below).

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