



**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT (PIU)
PUNJAB URBAN LAND SYSTEM
ENHANCEMENT (PULSE)
Punjab Land Records Authority (PLRA)
Government of the Punjab**



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

Country: Pakistan

Name of Project: Punjab Urban Land Systems Enhancement (PULSE) Project

Contract Title: Hiring of Internal Audit Firm

Credit No.: 7041-PK

Reference No. PK-PLRA-348687-CS-LCS

The Project Implementation Unit, Punjab Urban Land Systems Enhancement (PULSE) Project, Govt. of Punjab has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Punjab Urban Land Systems Enhancement (PULSE) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payment of Hiring of Internal Audit Firm.

The objective of the Assignment is to mitigate fiduciary risks associated with Project activities and to strengthen internal control processes. PULSE requires the services of a Chartered Accountant Firm ("the firm") to evaluate and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Project's risk management, internal control and governance processes and value for money through conducting periodic Internal Audit of activities, systems and transactions on account of all components.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the websites: [https://www.punjab-zameen.gov.pk/ Procurements/ProcCurrent](https://www.punjab-zameen.gov.pk/Procurements/ProcCurrent) or can be obtained at the address given at the end.

The PIU, PULSE now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the required services as explained in the ToR. Interested firms should provide the following information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform this assignment. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage. The parameters for evaluating EOI responses are given below: -

- (i) The firm should be a chartered accountancy firm registered in category A of State Bank of Pakistan's Panel of Auditors Firms with satisfactory ICAP QCR rating.
- (ii) The firm should have a specific and proven competence and experience in conducting internal audit of Foreign Funded projects of similar nature for past ten (10) years.
- (iii) Experience of implementing, managing, and providing support regarding software solutions is a must.
- (iv) Experience of working on donor funded projects shall be accorded due weightage.
- (v) They should have adequate number of professionals and well-equipped offices.

Note: The firm must provide the documentary evidence of the assignments carried out.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Firms interested to participate in JV should submit information for each partner, which will be assessed independently regardless of capacity/experience of the other partner. For firms in arrangement of lead sub-consultant, only the experience and capacity of lead firm will be assessed. However, such arrangements should be clearly mentioned in Expressions of Interest Response.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Least Cost Selection (LCS) Method** set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information may be obtained at the address given below during office hours from 0900 to 1700 hours. This REOI is also available on the website: [https://www.punjab-zameen.gov.pk/ Procurements/ProcCurrent](https://www.punjab-zameen.gov.pk/Procurements/ProcCurrent).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form to the address below (in person, or by post) by or before 1500 hours on 24th May, 2023.

The assignment title of the consultancy should be clearly written on the front of the envelope or in the subject line.

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