

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT, PUNJAB**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

(Consulting Services--- Firms Selections)

**Hiring an Independent Verification Agency (IVA) for the work of "Providing Three Large Surface Water Supply Schemes to Villages of Districts Amritsar, Tarn Taran and Gurdaspur"**

1. Government of India has aimed to supply drinking water in adequate quantity and of prescribed quality to Rural habitations under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), with total outlay of 3,60,000 crores. To take long term corrective measures in quality affected areas, Department of Water supply and Sanitation is switching over to large surface water projects for meeting water requirement of beneficiaries. The Funds for constructing these projects shall be taken from JJM and NABARD. The Government of Punjab (GoP) intends to apply part of above proceeds for hiring the services of an Independent Verification Agency (IVA) to support DWSS in implementation of three Multi Village Water Supply Schemes in Punjab.
2. The services include undertaking Independent assessment of the specifications, quality assurance of construction activities, technical guidance to DWSS in ensuring quality, standards and providing timely recommendations for improvements to ensure that the schemes deliver intended performance objectives. The task of the IVA will include, but not necessarily be limited to the following:
  - Assess the Operator's progress of works against the milestones under the contract.
  - Verify and check the quality of materials, electro and mechanical equipment being used.
  - Review and verify the Operator's quality assurances procedures in construction, environmental and social safeguards & safety at work.
  - Review achievement of Performance Standards upon commissioning.
3. **Short listing Criteria:**
  - i) Minimum Annual Average Turnover of Rs. 10 Cr. in last 3 years (i.e. FY 2017-18 to 2019-20).
  - ii) Relevant experience in Similar Consultancy Assignment (completed / Ongoing) amounting to Rs. 5 Cr. each, in last 5 years

Note: Ongoing consultancy assignment having completed minimum 80% (w.r.t consultancy fee receivables) with financial proof (from the client) shall be considered for evaluation.
4. The Department of Water Supply and Sanitation now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, general qualifications and number of key staff, and so forth).
5. The Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with Quality-And Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) procedures. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.
6. The Consultancy duration shall be for 30 months from the date of signing of the consultancy agreement and can be further extended with the mutual consent of both the parties but on the same terms & conditions.
7. Interested Consultants may refer detailed "ToR" placed at the Departmental Website: <https://dwss.punjab.gov.in>
8. Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by courier and through e-mail) on or before **05.03.2021**.

**"Note":** Any corrigendum(s) to the Request for Expression of Interest shall be published on the website only.

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