

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoI)
(Procurement Agent Services for Drugs, Equipment, Diagnostic Kits and other medical
supplies and Related Services required for Implementation of National AIDS Control
Programme)

India
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

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1. This notice follows the General Procurement Notice published in UN Development Business (UNDB) online.
2. The Government of India has plans to implement fourth phase of National AIDS Control Project (NACP-IV) supported by various donor partners viz. World Bank, GFATM, other donor partners, including funds of Govt. of India. The NACP-IV shall be implemented by Department of AIDS Control, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India. It is intended that funds of GFATM will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for which this Request for Expression of Interest is issued.
3. The Department of AIDS Control (DAC), Government of India, now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Procurement Agent services required to procure drugs, equipment, diagnostic kits and other medical supplies for implementation of programme components viz. Basic Services and Care Support and Treatment Services under NACP-IV funded by 'Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria' (GFATM), Switzerland, Geneva.
4. Services of a Consultant organization will be required for procuring ARV drugs, Diagnostic Kits and other medical supplies as well as ensuring the inspection and testing (third party) and supply chain management of the goods/supplies. The Consultant will handle the procurement of goods and related services viz. quality assurance and supply chain management to meet DAC's requirements to achieve value for money, efficiency, transparency, probity and adherence to the Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non- Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by The World Bank Borrowers (January, 2011, Edition) and WHO's Interagency Guidelines: 'A Model Quality Assurance System for Procurement Agencies'.
5. The contract will be initially for 2 years. This is extendable up to another two years on the basis of performance.
6. The Consultant organization must have a substantial corporate structure and professional base in procurement, quality assurance and supply chain management. The EoI and capability will be assessed against evidence of skills and experience in providing services in the following areas; assisting organizations in procurement, quality assurance and supply chain management; and managing procurement on complex projects, preferably in the HIV/AIDS or health sector.
7. The EoI should be sent along with a Capability Statement including a profile of the lead organization and any collaborating organizations, covering relevant technical and geographical experience along with the financial turnover for the last 3 financial years. Experience in assisting organizations in procurement, quality assurance and supply chain management in general and in health sector projects may also be indicated in detail. Individual CVs are not required at this stage. Interested consultants must also provide information indicating as to how that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, and availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Any EoI with inadequate information, those which do not meet the above criteria, or those received after the closing date may not be short listed. EoI should be as concise and focused as possible to give evidence of the above requirements, including the capability statement and organization profiles. The short listing will be done on the basis of the above information/documents.
8. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in The World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by The World Bank Borrowers (January, 2011, Edition). The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of The World Bank's Guidelines, setting forth The World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
9. The EoIs should be sent to the following address so as to arrive no later than 14.00 Hrs. on August 2nd, 2013. The shortlisted organizations shall be later invited to submit detailed proposals.

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