



Request for Expressions of Interest (For Consulting Firms Selection)

Business Finance for the Poor in Bangladesh (BFP-B) is a five-year programme funded by UK aid from the UK government. Bangladesh Bank (BB) is the implementing agency, and the Bank and Financial Institutions Division of the Ministry of Finance, the executing agency. Nathan Associates London Ltd has been contracted as the management agency for the programme.

Assignment Title: Review the SME credit-related policies of Bangladesh Bank, Provide Recommendations and draft a revised MSME finance guidelines for Improvements in financing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Bangladesh.

Brief Description of Assignment: The overall objectives of this study are to understand the stakeholder perspectives, obtain feedback on and experience of current policies, and come up with draft revised updated and context-specific MSME financing Guidelines which should also address the issue of start-ups, clusters, value chains and women entrepreneurs' financing. The study should also have recommendations on overall policy intervention in other areas like a definition of MSMEs that will contribute to the current draft SME Strategy document of the Ministry of Industries, appraise the feasibility of developing two separate policies on MSEs and medium enterprises' financing for BB, and provide recommendations for further improvement of BB's SME Policy.

Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Requirement: The BFP-B Project now invites eligible Applicants (Consulting Firms or Research Organisations) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consulting Firms are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the Services (areas of expertise, description of similar assignments, annual turnover for the last 3 years, a list of proposed personnel with qualification, experience and association with the firm, brochures, etc.)

Procurement Method: The Applicant shall be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method by following the procurement guidelines of UK aid/DFID.

EOI Closing Date and Time: EOI must be delivered through email to KHamilton@nathaninc.com, and rhasan@nathaninc.com by **18 November, 2015** before **5.00 pm (Bangladesh Standard Time)**.

Interested Applicants may obtain further information /EOI Application Form through email (rhasan@nathaninc.com).

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. BFP-B Project reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs.

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