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Reaching Out-of-School Children Phase- II Project
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Mirpur- 2, Dhaka- 1216

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**Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for
Performance Audit Firm (Package No. S-2)**

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received finance from the World Bank (IDA Credit No. 5166-BD) towards the cost of the Reaching Out-of-School Project Phase- II project under Directorate of Primary Education, Ministry of Primary and Mass Education and intends to apply part of the proceeds for Consulting Services by a Chartered Accounting Firm for Performance Audit of the project.

ROSC-II project started on January 2013 and scheduled to be completed on December 2017. The main objective of ROSC-II project is to provide a "second chance" primary education to disadvantaged children in selected upazilas. The target beneficiaries of this project are out-of-school children who have either dropped out or never been enrolled in school.

The project area covers 148 upazila spread all over the country where 48 upazila are carried over from ROSC phase one project. At present there are approximately 15200 Learning Centers (LC- which is named as Ananda School) operating with approximately 416000 students. In 2015 academic year, there may be more 3000 new LCs with 105000 students.

The overall objectives of these consulting services ("the Services") are to audit the expenditures incurred by the project in different components particularly disbursed to the LCs (learning center) and students and provide feedback to the project management about the effectiveness of utilization of money. The firm will also identify if there is any weakness in control mechanism of utilization of overall resources and recommends corrective measures or improvement of internal control systems to be in place in project management.

The total period for completion of the above-mentioned services is approximately fifteen (15) months but scattered in three years from 2015 to 2017 and the various activities and deliverables shall be phased efficiently over that period. The Consultant shall provide a team of suitably qualified and experienced 'key personnel' to undertake the assignment.

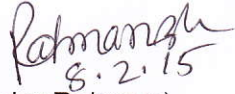
The Reaching Out-of-School Children Phase-II Project now invites eligible chartered accounting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interests in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The short listing criteria are:

- a) Registration of the firm.
- b) Age of firm (years in relevant business).
- c) Availability of key professionals.
- d) Financial resources of the consultant (turnover of last five years)
- e) Experience of the firm in similar tasks/assignments (examples of past experience- similar nature and/or complexity including cost and duration of the assignment).
- f) Experience of the firm in other works (examples of other experience including cost and duration of the assignment).
- g) Support services of the firm (office space, support staff, equipment).

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, and, if association, should mention whether the association is in the form of "joint venture" or "sub-consultancy". It is preferable to limit the total number of firms in an association including the Lead Firm to 4 (four).

A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Fixed Budget Selection (FBS) procedures as set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011. The contract will be done initially for one year and may be extended on satisfactory performance.

Expression of Interest must be delivered to the address below in sealed envelope on or before 05 March 2015 at 03.00 p.m. Submission through e-mail will also be accepted provided (i) it is delivered by the deadline, and (ii) appropriate reference is made in the subject line of the email, such as "**Expression of Interest (EOI) for Performance Audit Firm (Package No. S-2).**"


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