

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

Country: India

Name of the Project: National AIDS Control Programme Phase-IV (NACP-IV)

Source of Funding: Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), Govt. of India, The World Bank and other Donor Partners.

Reference No. SAMS/NACP/ITA/03/2015, Dated: 25/11/15

Assignment Title: Inspection and Testing of Pharmaceuticals, Diagnostic kits, Reagents, Medical Consumables and Equipment.

- (1) The National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Govt. of India has received financing from the GFATM, Govt. of India, World Bank and other Donor Partners towards the cost of the fourth phase of National AIDS Control Programme (NACP-IV) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
- (2) **Strategic Alliance Management Services Pvt. Ltd. (SAMS)** is acting as Procurement Agent (PA) on behalf of National AIDS Control Organization, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and intends to select the following Agencies:
 - A. **Inspection Agencies:** The Inspection agency shall be responsible for carrying out all the activities related to inspection viz. preliminary inspection, collection of samples, delivering samples to labs and other prescribed measures for quality assurance, and inspection of health sector goods for around two years. The Inspection Agency should have good knowledge of inspection/ sampling norms and procedures and experience of conducting inspection of Pharmaceuticals, Diagnostic kits, Reagents, Medical Consumables and Equipment.
 - B. **Testing Agencies:** The testing Agency shall be responsible for carrying out all the activities related to testing viz. receipt of samples, safe custody & handling of samples, testing of samples, test results reporting and other prescribed measures for quality assurance, for around two years. The Testing Agency should have good knowledge and experience of testing of Pharmaceuticals, Diagnostic kits, Reagents, Medical Consumables and Equipment. **The Laboratory for testing should either be WHO pre-qualified laboratory OR accredited in accordance with ISO 17025** and have been approved by relevant Licensing authority, approved by Food & Drug Administration, Govt. of India/ State Govt.
- (3) SAMS, on behalf of NACO, MOH&FW, now invites eligible firms ('Agencies') to indicate their interest in providing the services of Inspection and/or Testing of any one, or all or combination of Pharmaceuticals, Diagnostic Kits, Reagents, Medical Consumables and Equipment. Interested Agencies should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services for which they are submitting their EOIs.
- (4) The attention of interested Agencies is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers [January, 2011] ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

- (5) Agencies may associate with other eligible firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.
- (6) Agencies will be selected in accordance with the Least Cost Selection (LCS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.
- (7) SAMS shall prepare separate shortlists of agencies for inspection and testing of each health sector goods stated in Para (2) above. Thereafter, the shortlisted agencies shall be issued RFP Document to submit Technical proposals. The technically qualified Agencies shall later be requested to submit financial proposals as per need during the contract period of around two years.
- (8) The agencies are required to furnish their particulars including, Agency name, address, e-mail, telephone numbers, management details, profile of key persons, information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, certification & accreditation credentials, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff etc.). Please submit the minimum following document/information along with EOI:
1. Company description, Brochures, management details etc.
 2. Description of similar assignments completed/ongoing by the agency, with supporting documents.
 3. Certification & accreditation credentials.
 4. Proof of availability of appropriate skills among staff with supporting brief profile of key persons.
 5. Any other relevant information, such as SOPs, protocols followed by the agency.
 6. Turnover Certificates for last three years.
- (9) Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 1000 to 1700 hours (IST)
- (10) Expressions of interest **must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 14:30 Hrs on 16.12.2015.**

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