



PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT
“Khyber Pass Economic Corridor Project”
SDU, Planning & Development Department



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (R-EOI)

Country:	Pakistan
Name of the Project:	Khyber Pass Economic Corridor
Consultancy Services:	Scoping Exercise for Economic Development of Women-owned or Women-managed firms in Greater Peshawar area and Khyber District.
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The Government of Pakistan has received financing from the World Bank to finance the development of the Khyber Pass Economic Corridor (KPEC). The primary objective of the Project is to expand economic activity between Pakistan and Afghanistan by improving regional connectivity and promoting private sector development along the Khyber Pass Corridor.

Project Management Unit (PMU) Khyber Pass Economic Corridor Project (SDU), P&DD intends to hire the services of a Consultancy firm for Scoping Exercise for Economic Development of Women-owned or Women-managed firms in Greater Peshawar area and Khyber District.

The objective of the assignment is to map the existing situational analysis in terms of women’s employment, role as entrepreneurs, identification of bottle necks, opportunities, and recommendation for economic development of Women and women owned and/or managed businesses/firms in the region.

Project Management Unit KPEC, SDU hereby invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from reputed consulting firms for providing necessary services for Scoping Exercise for Economic Development of Women-owned or Women-managed firms in Greater Peshawar area and Khyber District. Interested firms possessing the relevant experience and qualification should clearly describe their qualification/experience relevant to providing the services in the EOI document. The consulting firms shall provide the following information to substantiate the qualification for the assignment.

S#	Qualification Requirement	Marks
01	Core Business: Information on experience since establishment and at least 05 years post registration experience in surveys, feasibility studies, market/sector analysis and research work. with the government and other donor agencies. Documentary evidence of assignment including client name, worth and registration certificate(s) with legal entities and tax departments should be provided.	25

02	Relevant Experience: Should have completed at least 03 assignment (s) of similar nature in the area of women empowerment, Enterprise’s development, Mapping, Base line surveys for economic development.	50
03	Technical and Managerial Capability: Detail of logistical support such as offices or allied facilities in the project proximity including the details of overall technical and managerial staff and process and practices for ensuring the quality of services to the clients.	25

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 [revised November 2017 and August 2018] (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all members in the joint venture should meet the qualification criteria individually and shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

Firm will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification Base Selection (CQS) method set out in the World Bank’s: Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services” (July 2016) revised November 2017 & August 2018.

Any Consultant/firm providing unsubstantiated and/or incorrect information are liable to legal action and/or disqualification.

Please note that the PMU-KPEC SDU reserves the right to withdraw from this process at any stage without any obligation for expenses incurred by the participants.

Further information and detail TORs of the assignment can be obtained from office during office hours (0900 to 1600) Monday to Friday at address given below or by writing an email to wahmad@kpec.org.pk

Expressions of Interest (EOI) (2 copies) complete in all respect may be delivered in written form to the address given below by October 4th, **2021** and be clearly marked “Expression of Interest for Procurement of Consulting Services (Firm) for Scoping Exercise for Economic Development of Women-owned or Women-managed firms in Greater Peshawar area and Khyber District.

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