

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**Country:** Pakistan  
**Name of Project:** Pakistan Raises Revenue  
**Assignment Title:** Hiring of Consultancy Firm for Planning, Designing, Process Management and Compliance for FBR Tier-3 Data Center  
**Loan No./Credit No.:** 6435-PK  
**Reference No.:** 1(43)/P&CM/PO/2022 (PK-FBR-295297-CS-CQS)

1. The Federal Board of Revenue has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Pakistan Raises Revenue Program (PRRP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for procuring services of a credible consulting firm (“Consultant”) for Planning, Designing, Process Management and Compliance for FBR Tier-3 Data Center based on ANSI TIA-942/ ISO-22237 or Uptime Institute.
2. The Federal Board of Revenue now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the said Services. Interested firms should provide the information demonstrating that they have/ meet required qualification and experience to perform this assignment. In this regard, there are prescribed standards, which have been mentioned in the Terms of Reference, which may be downloaded from the website <https://fbr.gov.pk/tenders>. Prospective firms are encouraged to provide materials/ information that would be specific to the proposed services. The parameters for evaluating EOI responses are given below:
  - a. The firm should be a registered consulting company engaged in planning and design for Data Centers/ NOC/ Data Warehouse Centers/ Network Rooms/ DR Sites activities for a minimum of five years.
  - b. The firm should have a minimum of five years of experience in the Data Center & IT consultancy & design business as a vendor-neutral firm.
  - c. The firm must have documentarily verifiable experience of working at a minimum of two Tier-3 certified Data Centers facilities and assessment and design of network architecture in last five years.
  - d. The firm should have an experienced team for the scope of work as described in the TOR. General areas are Certified Internal Auditor (CTIA), Certified Data Center Design Consultant, Certified Data Center Specialist (CDCS) and Certified Data Center Professional (CDCP), Certified Network Security Architecture (CCNA/ CCNP/ CCNE/ CNCDP) - equivalence acceptable, wherever applicable (CVs and specific nominations are not required at REOI stage).
3. The attention of interested Consulting Firms 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.

4. The Consulting Firm will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualifications Selection (CQS) method as set out in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, revised November 2017, and August 2018.
5. Firm(s) may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications in the form of a joint venture (JV)/ Association. All the partners in the JV shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire Contract, if selected. In case of joint venture/ consortium, the details of such projects will be provided separately for each member as lead or associated consultant and payments shall be made only into the designated account of JV.
6. A **virtual Information Session** shall be held on **29<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 at 1130 Hours** to familiarize the potential applicants on **Terms of Reference** (available at <https://fbr.gov.pk/tenders>) and ensuing procurement process. Interested Consulting Firms may obtain the respective meeting link/ invite via writing an email addressed to the undersigned ([procsp.prrp@fbr.gov.pk](mailto:procsp.prrp@fbr.gov.pk)) between June 27, 2022 and June 28, 2022 (during regular business hours).
7. The Expression of Interest must be delivered to the address below (in person or by surface mail) not later than 1500 hours (Pakistan Standard Time) on **8<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**. For expressions sent electronically, Program Office will acknowledge receipt of the same via return email. In absence of such confirmation/ receipt, please contact on the address given below.
8. The address(es) referred to above is (are):

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