

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Country: Bhutan

Name of Project: Dorjilung Hydro-electrical Power Project

Assignment Title: Consultancy services for Design and Engineering Consultant for Dorjilung Hydropower Project, Bhutan

Reference No.: DORJILUNG/CPD/16/2025

1. Royal Government of Bhutan has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost for **Construction of Dorjilung Hydro-electrical Project (DHPP)** to be implemented by the Druk Green Hydropower Project Limited (DGPC) and intends to apply a part of the proceeds of this financing for the **“Consultancy Services for Design and Engineering Consultant for 1125 MW Dorjilung Hydro-electrical Power Project, Mongar”**.

2. Scope of Services

The overall scope of this assignment shall include detailed design and engineering services for Civil and Hydro-Mechanical works for the main plant (including the E-flow generating units). It shall also include finalization of contract packaging philosophy for the entire plant; preparation of all bidding documents (including Electro-Mechanical works), approval of construction drawings for E-M works and assistance in award of contracts of all procurement packages. The Consultant shall also support DGPC in reviewing and finalization of any design changes necessary during construction phase to meet the design criteria and maintain the safety of structures. The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) are available at <https://www.drukgreen.bt/tender/>. This ToR is to provide an idea about the scope of the assignment to potential Consultants to help them prepare their Expressions of Interest (EoIs). An updated TOR would be included in the Request for Proposal (RfP), which will be issued to the short-listed Consultants.

3. Selection Procedure

DGPC now invites eligible Consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- i. General Experience of the consultant;
- ii. Experience in similar assignments of compatible size, complexity and technical specialty in the required area;
- iii. Experience in working with the development partner financed projects would be an advantage;
- iv. Technical and managerial capability of the firm including financial soundness, staffing and logistics.

Key experts will not be evaluated at this stage.

4. 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” September 2023 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per paragraph 3.17 of the Procurement



Regulations: *Consultants shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of being unable to carry out the assignment in the best interests of the Borrower.*

5. 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 the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. In the case of an association (joint venture and/ or sub-consultant), all members shall have well-defined responsibilities and details of the same shall be submitted along with the Expression of Interest. The total number of firms including the associates will be limited to a maximum of Three (03).

6. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality Based Selection (QBS) Method set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations.

7. The Expression of Interest can be submitted (either through e-mail or in person or by mail) to the following address by 17:00 hours on or before **May 30, 2025**.

8. Further information can be obtained at the address mentioned below during office hours between 0900 to 1700 hours Bhutan Standard Time. DGPC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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