

**Invitation of Proposals (Procurement Notice)  
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

**INDIA**

***NAME OF PROJECT:* State of Maharashtra's Agribusiness and Rural Transformation  
(SMART) Project**

**Loan No.: IBRD Loan 9031-IN**

**Assignment Title: Detailed Study of Price Risk Management Plans using  
Exchange Traded Instruments by Farmers/CBO's and State Agencies**

**Reference No:** SMART/PCMU/CS/11/2019-20

The Republic of India *has applied for* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the State of Maharashtra's Agribusiness and Rural Transformation (SMART) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include *Detailed Study of Price Risk Management Plans using Exchange Traded Instruments by Farmers/CBO's and State Agencies*.

SMART Project focuses on building the capacity of the line departments of Government of Maharashtra (GoM) to enhance implementation of agricultural reforms and outcomes in the state. Two key focus area identified by the GoM as part of this component are to enhance the capacity of the Department of Marketing (DoM) for better implementation of market reforms to enable more returns to farmers and to enhance the capacity of the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to move from a production driven scheme-implementation based approach to a longer term market driven approach that focuses on technical and capacity building support to farmers and agribusinesses so as to sustainably enhance farmer incomes. This will include identifying goals of the department to be achieved over a five-year period; strengthening core functional areas needed to be able to support achievement of goals; and aligning staff capacity and incentives accordingly. More details on the Services are provided in the Terms of Reference Section 7 of the Request for Proposal.

**Estimated Total cost of the assignment: INR 50 Lakh**

**Implementation Period:** 03 Months

**Expected Start date of Assignment:** 02-05-2020

The Project Coordination and Management Unit (PCMU) SMART on behalf of Department of Agriculture Government of Maharashtra now invites eligible consulting firms("Consultants") to submit their proposals for providing the Services. Interested Consultants may download the RFP document free of cost from [www.smart-mh.org](http://www.smart-mh.org)The Consultants would be responsible for ensuring that any addenda available on the website is also downloaded and incorporated.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to the paragraph 3.14 of World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers- Procurement in Investment Projects Financing, July 2016 revised August 2018" ("Procurement Regulations") which can be found at the following website: [www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants are allowed associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualification's Based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, *i.e. 0900 to 1700 hours*.

Proposals must be submitted at **Project Director, SMART, MSFC Building, 270 Bhamburda, SenapatiBapat Marg, Opposite Symbiosis College, Gokhalenagar, Pune - 411016, Maharashtra, India.**

Proposals must be submitted latest by **24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 by 5.30 PM.**

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Project Director, SMART**

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