



**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT (IWRPP)**  
**INDUSTRIES, COMMERCE, INVESTMENT**  
**& SKILLS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB**



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

1. The Government of Punjab has received a Loan (4278-PAK from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Part of the loan's financing will be used for hiring of Center of Excellence Development Firm. The Industries, Commerce, Investment and Skills Development (ICI&SD) Department of Punjab will be the Executing Agency (EA) while the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) - Improving Workforce Readiness in Punjab Project (IWRPP) will be the Implementation Agency (IA). The PIU has already been established which on behalf of the EA will guide on, and oversight of, the overall implementation and performance of the project.

2. The project (IWRPP) will finance the overall establishment of 19 Centers of Excellence (COE) in existing TEVTA & PVTC institutes that will deliver high-quality and relevant Technical & Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in the eight priority economic sectors.

The project outputs are described below:

**Output 1:** Quality and relevance of TVET in priority economic sectors improved.

**Output 2:** Equitable access to TVET increased.

**Output 3:** TVET sector institutional framework strengthened.

These consultancy services will be required to assist COEs to practice operational excellence in the context of greater school autonomy. The firm will support in transformation of 19 TVET institutes into COEs by improving the centers' operations; assisting in improving school operations by introducing a quality assurance mechanism, setting up an institutional management committee, improving capacity for providing career guidance, developing a business plan, rolling out the placement services and work-based training schemes; and improve school governance through concerned governance bodies, as **Center of Excellence Development Firm**.

3. The PIU-IWRPP hereby invites EOI from reputed firms (National/International). The consultants will be recruited using the Full Technical Proposal (FTP) procedure based on the **Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)** method and in accordance with "ADB Procurement Policy on Goods, Works, Non consulting and Consulting Services and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers on Goods, Works, Non consulting and Consulting Services". Preliminary details of the assignment are given in the table below:

Expert Input / Person-months for key staff			Duration of Assignment (Deliverable-Based, Intermittent Basis)	Method of Procurement	Expected date of Commencement	Type of Consultancy
Key Experts (International)	Key Experts (National)	Total				
45 Months	165 Months	210 Months	36 Months (Estimated)	QCBS (90:10)	2 <sup>ND</sup> Quarter-2024	Consultancy firm

4. The **Center of Excellence Development Firm** will be composed of international & national (key) experts. The team will consist of an international and national team leader who will lead the concerned key experts. The Interested firms should have demonstrated experience in relevant sectors/fields and the scope of work involved for the subject assignment. The following shortlisting criteria shall be used for evaluation:

i)	Technical Competence)	60 % weightage
ii)	Management Competence	20 % weightage
iii)	Geographical Experience	20 % weightage

5. The EOI must be submitted online via the ADB's Consultant Management System (CMS). The EOI must be submitted using the online template in CMS not later than **15.04.2024**. Access to the online Request for Expression of Interest may be reached through the link to Consultant Services Recruitment Notices (CSRN) available at [www.adb.org/site/business-opportunities/operational-procurement/consulting](http://www.adb.org/site/business-opportunities/operational-procurement/consulting). A firm wishing to submit an EOI must be registered in the CMS. CMS registration is accessible at <http://cms.adb.org>. Any proposed associate firms, sub consultants, or joint venture partners must also be registered in CMS. Any firm encountering technical problems in accessing CMS should request assistance by email to [cmshelp@adb.org](mailto:cmshelp@adb.org).

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