

Hiring of Firm for Designing, Printing, Delivery, and logistics support for implementation of Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (LaNA)

Country: Pakistan

Office: Project Coordination Unit (PCU)- Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training

Project: ASPIRE- Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (LaNA)

Background

Actions to Strengthen Performance for Inclusive and Responsive Education Program (ASPIRE) is part of the World Bank's COVID-19 Education support package in Pakistan and helps the Government of Pakistan (GoP) in the immediate response to the COVID-19 crisis and supporting education systems in becoming more responsive, resilient, and inclusive. The ASPIRE program is implemented by the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (MoFEPT) in close coordination with provincial departments of education. Under ASPIRE, participation in an international assessment that includes competencies in math and language is a Disbursement Linked Result (DLR 12.3). On behalf of the Government of Pakistan (GoP), the National Assessment Wing (NAW) of Pakistan Institute of Education (PIE) has signed an agreement with IEA for participating in the Literacy & Numeracy Assessment (LaNA) study.

Supported by the ASPIRE program, this study will provide data for effective policy linking decisions related to the Sustainable Development Goal(s) (SDG 4.1.1.b); providing data on two basic indicators of SDG 4.1.1.b. i.e. numeracy and literacy at the end of Primary Level. The study will be carried out in schools (both public and private) across the country and all the segments of society will be represented in the study. Participation in LaNA study will provide an opportunity for education systems of all the contributing countries to compare their students' achievement in literacy and numeracy internationally. The Study is particularly designed for developing countries because it is being conducted in paper-pencil mode.

PCU-MoFEPT invites firms to complete the following tasks/ components of the project in provinces and Federal areas (GB, AJK and ICT). Details on each activity is provided separately.

- Design and type-setting of booklets and other items in In-Design
 - Large-scale Printing of booklets, forms etc
 - Provision of Stationery and relevant items for LaNA implementation
 - Packing and Dispatching of material to 18 centers across the country
 - Refreshment arrangement for STF and TA Training for participants in regional centers
 - Collection/Returning of material from 384 participating schools and delivery of material to PIE Islamabad
 - Payment of incentive to teachers for STF and CLF form filling
 - Data Entry of test items in software proposed by PIE
3. The interested firms can get detailed RFQ with tentative plan from website (www.mofept.gov.pk)
 4. Interested firms should be GST, STN & NTN registered.
 5. The quotation validity required is 120 days from the date of submission of quotation.

6. The provision of purchase order is subject to approval of the quotations by the competent authority, which shall be final. Pakistan Institute of Education (PIE)/ PCU-MoFEPT will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the participating firms in connection with the preparation or delivery of quotation.
7. Payment shall be made within **30** days after completion of work against submission of Invoice and Completion Report along with supporting documents.
8. Any Bidder if found engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices (including collusion / polling), will be declared ineligible either indefinitely or for a stated period of time.
9. Pakistan Institute of Education (PIE)/ PCU-MoFEPT also reserves the right to increase, decrease, delete the number of participants /federating areas and the printing requirement before the issuance of “award letter ” to the “Lowest Evaluated Bidder”.
10. Pakistan Institute of Education (PIE)/ PCU-MoFEPT reserves the right to accept or reject one or all the quotations either fully or partially without assigning any reason thereof with approval justification as per World Bank Guidelines Shopping Least Cost Selection Method.
11. Submit a financial soundness certificate and listing at least 3 Clients and Reference Letters to whom similar requirements have been provided.
12. Quotations must be delivered at the address and to the representative, mentioned herein below on or before **13th October 12.00 PM 2023** and quotations will be opened on the same day by the committee at 12.30 PM. **Technical and financial will be sealed separately.** Total Package will be considered because partial quotations would not be accepted. Detailed bidding documents can be downloaded from website www.mofept.gov.pk
13. Quotations submitted after prescribed time and date shall not be entertained.
14. Firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank’s Guidelines: through Shopping Quotation method on the basis Least Cost Selection Method under non consultancy services. Quotation must be delivered by courier /post to the address below within **seven** days of publication of this RFQ.

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