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PROJECT COORDINATION UNIT
MINISTRY OF FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
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Islamabad, 30th March 2026

SUBJECT: INTIMATION LETTER FOR THE CONDUCT OF PRE BID MEETING FOR THE ACTIVITY TITLED "INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION AGENCY (IVA)"

Reference to the subject mentioned activity, you are requested to conduct the Pre Bid Meeting as part of the procurement committee as per following schedule:

Date:	Tuesday, 31st March 2026
Pre Bid Meeting Time:	02:30 PM
Venue:	Project Coordination Unit (PCU), Khyaban-e-Suharwardy, Zero Point, Pakistan Manpower Building Gate 3 (Near National College of Arts - NCA), Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, Islamabad.

2. Your availability on the venue is much appreciated.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)
SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION AGENCY (IVA) – FIRM (CQS METHOD)

The Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (MoFEPT) is implementing the World Bank–funded **Actions to Strengthen Performance for Inclusive and Responsive Education (ASPIRE)** Program. A Project Coordination Unit (PCU) has been established within the Ministry to manage the program and coordinate with provincial governments.

PCU-MoFEPT intends to hire an **Independent Verification Agency (IVA)** to:

- Verify Disbursement-Linked Results (DLRs) for Years 6–8 of the Program;
- Validate achievement of Program Development Objective (PDO) targets; and
- Review and confirm completion of agreed fiduciary actions under the Program.

Detailed Terms of Reference (TORs), including qualification and eligibility criteria, are available on the MoFEPT website (http://www.mofept.gov.pk/) and the World Bank STEP portal.

The consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the **Consultants' Qualifications Selection (CQS)** method, as per the World Bank's *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers* (July 2016, revised November 2017, August 2018, and November 2020).

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **2nd April 2026 at 2:00 PM**. EOIs will be opened on the same day at **2:30 PM**.

The competent authority reserves the right to cancel the process at any stage without assigning any reason.

Important Instructions:

The firm is expected to meet the following qualification criteria:

1. Registered with national authorities (SECP, FBR, etc.) for a minimum of 10 years with demonstrated experience in conducting at least three similar assignments in the past.
2. Minimum 10 years' experience in independent verification, audit, or results-based financing operations.
3. Proven experience with World Bank PforR or DLI-based operations.
4. Demonstrated experience conducting statistically sound sampling and field-based verification.
5. Strong fiduciary systems assessment and procurement compliance experience.
6. Demonstrated expertise in administrative data validation and statistical analysis.
7. Experience in education sector performance evaluation.
8. Experience operating within federal and multi-tier governance systems.
9. Proven ability to triangulate documentary, financial, administrative, and field-based evidence.
10. The Ministry has a right to increase or decrease scope of services up to 15% at the time of award of contract.

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CORRIGENDUM

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION AGENCY (IVA)

1. Reference is made to the advertisement titled "Hiring of IVA Firm", published in National newspaper (PID (I) 783625 advertisement attached
2. The following changes have been made, and published on Website
    a. The deadline for submission of the bid will remain the same but the method is **now QCBS instead of CQS** and pre-bid meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, **31st March 2026** at **02:30 PM at the Project Coordination Unit (PCU), MoFEPT**
3. All other terms and conditions will remain the same.
4. For any further information, please contact:

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