

SELECTON OF CONSULTANTS BY THE WORLD BANK

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES)

Regional

South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation – Administrative Partner

The World Bank intends to finance the services described below under a budget allocation from the Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF).

The South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation (SAFIR) was established in May 1999 to assist in the building of regulatory capacity in the electricity, natural gas, telecommunications, water, and transport sectors. SAFIR has a membership of over 30 regulatory agencies, research institutes and regulated companies from the countries of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. SAFIR runs an annual training program on regulation in the region and organizes annual workshops for its members on regulation. It is run by a Steering Committee which consists of representatives of regulatory agencies that are members of SAFIR. For further details on SAFIR please see <http://www.safir.teri.res.in/>.

SAFIR is seeking a new **Administrative Partner** who will undertake the following: (i) based on a critical evaluation of SAFIR's objectives, accomplishments, weaknesses, and in collaboration with the Steering Committee, develop a Strategic Plan for SAFIR that will ensure it plays an effective role in shaping the regulatory environment and building regulatory capacity; (ii) undertake the delivery of workshops identified in the Strategic Plan over the term of the engagement; (iii) design and execute a marketing/outreach program to expand SAFIR membership and to attract funding for SAFIR events and activities, and undertake outreach activities of SAFIR, including website and newsletters; and (iv) assistance in the delivery of annual and periodic meetings of SAFIR members, Steering Committee.

The World Bank now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. SAFIR is also advertising for a new Course Partner (see the Expression of Interest for "South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation – Course Partner" published in dgMarket and UNDB on March 29, 2006) and consultants may apply for any or both. The consultants should meet the qualification criteria separately for each service.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, May 2004.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered by electronic copy to the address below by no later than 1700 hours on Friday April 21st, 2006.

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