



Request for Expression of Interest

IT Security Review of Information and Communication Technology Infrastructure of State Bank of Pakistan

State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), the Central Bank of Pakistan is a dynamic organization which is playing a key role in the economic development of country. In order to keep SBP abreast with the domestic and international financial industry; for promotion of efficiency and stability in the financial market, it relies mainly on Information Technology (IT) enabled processes and automated systems.

General Services Department on behalf of Risk Management Department, SBP now invites reputed consultancy firms to submit Expression of Interests (EOIs) for procurement of consultancy services for P1 and P2 Packages.

P1	External Penetration Testing (Black Box)
P2	Review and Risk Assessment of entire SBP Corporate Network and all of its Components

Note: Firms / consultants can submit EOI either for P1 or P2 only.

Objective and Scope:

In order to enhance security of its data computing network (LAN, WAN, Internet, VPNs, Extranets etc.), SBP seeks an independent IT security review and assessment from the prospective consultants*. The objective of these consultancies is to assess and identify weaknesses and vulnerabilities in SBP Network and IT Systems in view of the internal and external threat environment and to obtain consultant's advice so that cost-effective counter-measures (controls) could be prioritized for implementation.

*Interested Firms / Consultants should not be engaged with SBP for providing IT products, support or maintenance services. The EOIs by existing Statutory Auditors of SBP and those Firms / Consultants presently engaged with SBP through any contract / sub-contract(s) or who had been engaged in the past contract(s) for providing IT product(s), support, consultancy or maintenance services will not be permissible.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Interested Firms / Consultants must be registered with tax authorities and must appear on Active Taxpayer List of FBR.
2. Interested Firms / Consultants should be incorporated in Pakistan for at least three (3) years.
3. Interested Firms / Consultants should have completed at least three (3) similar consultancy based projects for P1 or P2 packages in Financial Industry / other comparable organization during last 5 years.
4. Interested Firms / Consultant should have adequate staff with professional education, qualifications and relevant work experience in the area of Information/IT security consultancy projects.
5. Interested Firms / Consultants should have a sound financial background and a business volume of at least Rs. 20 million in any of the last three (3) years.

Interested eligible Firms / Consultants are requested to submit their Interests by providing relevant information that they possess the required capabilities and expertise for successfully completing either P1 or P2 package.

Interested eligible Firms / Consultants may obtain EOI documents free of cost either under written request or through email from the address given below after publication of the EOI.

Sealed Expression of Interests must be delivered to the address below on or before **December 2, 2015** at 11:00 am. The Interests will be opened in presence of Consultants' representatives who choose to attend at 11:30 am same day at Learning Resource Centre, State Bank of Pakistan, I.I. Chundrigar Road, Karachi.

Only shortlisted firms will be issued RFP documents for soliciting Technical and Financial Proposals pursuant to Rule-3 (B) “Quality and Cost based Selection method” as per Procurement of Consultancy Services Regulations, 2010.

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