World Bank financed Assam Agribusiness & Rural Transformation Project (APART)

Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services (ARIAS) Society

(An Autonomous Body of the Government of Assam)

Project Coordination Unit (PCU)
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Hiring of Consulting Services for Installation of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System in ASWC under APART

RFP No. ARIAS-13012/1/2024-APART-ARIAS

Dated Guwahati the 6 January, 2024

- 1. The Government of Assam (GoA) through Government of India (GoI) has received a loan from the World Bank for implementation of Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (APART). Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services (ARIAS) Society is the apex coordinating and monitoring agency for the project. The project is being implemented by eight-line departments of GoA including their Directorates/Agencies/Commissionerates. The project interventions are being taken up in 24 prioritized districts of Assam i.e. Kokrajhar, Barpeta, Nalbari, Darrang, Sonitpur, Biswanath, Goalpara, Nagaon, Hojai, Cachar, Karbi Anglong, West Karbi Anglong, Golaghat, Dhubri, South Salmara, Morigaon, Kamrup, Kamrup Metro Jorhat, Majuli, Sivasagar, Charaideo, Hailakandi and Lakhimpur. One of the Operational Project Implementation Units (OPIUs) under APART is Assam State Warehousing Corporation (ASWC), Guwahati. The Project now intends to utilize a part of the loan to hire a Collateral Management Agency (CMA) as Service Provider (SP) agency for conducting a pilot on electronic Warehouse Receipt Finance.
- 2. The State Project Director (SPD), ARIAS Society now invites eligible consultancy firms/ agencies to submit their Request for proposals (RFPs) for Hiring of Consulting Services for "Hiring of Consulting Services for Installation of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System in ASWC under APART". Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services as indicated in the RFP for the proposed assignment, which may be seen at the website of ARIAS Society viz (http://www.arias.in/procurements.html).
- **3.** The consultant will be selected in accordance with the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers; Procurement of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting & Consulting Services, July 2016", available *at www.worldbank.org*. Attention of the interested agencies is drawn to paragraph 3.14 of the said Regulations relating to the Conflict of Interest. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture (JV) or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. However, nature of association i.e. whether JV or Sub-Consultant, must be clearly mentioned in the Proposal.
- **4.** Interested Consultancy Firms/ Agencies must submit their RFPs in written form in **English** language to the address given below on or before **2.00 pm of 9 February, 2024** in **hard copy as well as a soft copy**. Further information can be obtained at the address of the SPD given below from 11.00 am to 05.00 pm (IST) on all working days.

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