

PART I

Section 1. Letter of Invitation

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Consulting Services

Name of Assignment: *Kerala Climate Resilient Agri Value Chain Modernisation Project (KERA)*

RFP Reference No.: *KERA/03/CS/2024/RFP*

Project ID.: *P178254*

Location and Date: *Thiruvananthapuram, 25/01/2024*

Dear Mr. /Ms.:

1. The **Government of India** (hereinafter called “Borrower”) has applied for financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) (the “Bank”) in the form of a “loan” (hereinafter called “loan” toward the cost of *Kerala Climate Resilient Agri-Value Chain Modernisation Project (KERA)*. *The Project Director, Kerala Climate Resilient Agri-Value Chain Modernisation Project (KERA)*, an implementing agency of the Client, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Proposals is issued.
2. The *Project Director, Kerala Climate Resilient Agri-Value Chain Modernisation Project (KERA)*, now invites online proposals to provide the following consulting services (hereinafter called “Services”): *Baseline studies for the KERA project*. More details on the Services are provided in the Terms of Reference (Section 7).
3. A firm will be selected under **QCBS** procedures and in a Full Technical Proposal (FTP) format as described in this RFP, in accordance with the Bank’s “[Procurement](#) Regulations for IPF Borrowers” fifth edition September 2023 (“Procurement Regulations”), which can be found at the following website: www.worldbank.org
4. The RFP includes the following documents:
 - Section 1 – Request for Proposals Letter
 - Section 2 - Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet
 - Section 3 - Technical Proposal (FTP) - Standard Forms

Section 4 - Financial Proposal - Standard Forms

Section 5 – Eligible Countries

Section 6 – Fraud and Corruption

Section 7 - Terms of Reference

Section 8 - Standard Forms of Contract (Lump-Sum)

5. Details on the proposal's submission date, time and address are provided in ITC 17.7 and ITC 17.9.

Yours sincerely,

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