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Title

Framework Agreement for Urban Flood Risk Assessments

Description

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With the increasing frequency and severity of urban flooding driven by climate change, rapid urbanization, and infrastructure constraints, there is a growing demand for robust and data-driven urban flood risk assessments. These assessments are critical to enable the WBG to advise governments and development partners on the identification, prioritization, and implementation of effective risk reduction strategies and maximizing co-benefits of investments in flood risk mitigation.

The City Resilience Program (CRP) at the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) empowers cities to turn urban resilience challenges into investments and private sector entry points. CRP supports WBG Task Team Leaders (TTLs) throughout the WBG Regions who work with governments on disaster and climate-resilient urban infrastructure investments. The Program has engaged in over 360 cities so far. The CRP is now supporting the establishment of a Framework Agreement for the procurement of urban flood risk assessments and related services for WBG-executed technical work.

The WBG will select a small number of qualified vendors to accede to the Framework Agreement, which will be in effect for an initial term of three (3) years, with the option to extend for up to two (2) additional one-year periods, subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funding. The services specified herein are estimates only of anticipated requirements. The World Bank Group (WBG) assumes no obligation or liability, financial or otherwise, and does not guarantee any minimum volume or value of services to be procured under the Framework Agreement. Contracts for services will be issued only through specific call-off contracts (task orders). At any time during this period, WBG Task Teams may issue call-off contract tenders for specific urban flood risk assessments and related services under the umbrella of the Framework Agreement. Only those vendors that have acceded to the Framework Agreement will be eligible to bid for the individual call-off contracts. Consortia and firms using sub-consultants will be able to tender, provided the lead firm is in the Framework Agreement, and the nature of the internal contractual and management arrangements among partners are clearly stated and approved.

While a level of commercial competition between firms within the Framework Agreement is to be expected, an important objective of the Framework Agreement is to engender as much as possible an open and partnering culture that promotes innovation and sharing of best practices, to the benefit of all.

It is intended that the effort involved in tendering for each call-off contract be kept to a minimum and be proportionate to the size and cost of the opportunity. Terms and conditions to be used for all call-off contracts will be agreed to at the start of the Framework Agreement and will be non-negotiable once the Framework Agreement is operational.

Contract awards will be subject to successful negotiations and acceptance of the contractual terms and conditions, including the finalized Statement of Work. The contract shall become effective only upon formal acceptance by the selected firm.

#### Category

- 90 - CONTRACT CONSULTANTS

#### Project Country

Not country related

#### Capabilities

- Sustainable Development: Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience and Land

#### Material Group

- 90.40 - FIRMS FOR OPERATIONAL PROJECTS

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### **SELECTION OF CONSULTING FIRMS BY THE WORLD BANK GROUP**

### **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

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### **ASSIGNMENT OVERVIEW**

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The specific services and skills required by call-off contracts awarded through the Framework Agreement will vary depending on the precise needs and scopes of work. Broadly, however, they are likely to include:

1. 1. Data sourcing, collection, processing, synthesis of deterministic and probabilistic event sets, quality assurance, gap analysis, correction, survey, substitution, secure storage, management, and other data-related services.
2. GIS-based analysis and mapping and development of user-oriented GIS and visualization tools, with a high level of presentation quality.
3. Hydrological analysis across a wide range of climatic regions, often with limited data availability and uncertain quality.
4. Hydraulic modeling (including flow, waves, sedimentation and erosion, and coastal morphology).
5. Ability to build a thorough understanding of run-off characteristics, flood dynamics, geomorphology processes, etc. for a given situation, even where data is scarce, will be essential.
6. A full range of riverine and coastal processes analysis, including flood level estimation, storm surge estimation, and wave modeling with assessments of impacts in terms of river and coastal erosion, changes in geomorphology, damage to structures, and flooding overtopping.
7. Risk modeling and assessment. Providing quantitative, data-driven results through Hazard-Exposure-Vulnerability analysis, ensuring appropriate and accurate exposure data (and its potential future changes), and valid vulnerability functions tailored as much as possible to the local situation.
8. Probabilistic risk assessments will likely be required (both semi and full), and joint probability analysis may be required. Assessments must address all major flood types (pluvial, fluvial, coastal) relevant to the city, and consider compound flooding effects (e.g., concurrent riverine and coastal events) where applicable.
9. Future scenarios modeling in terms of climate change, precipitation changes, sea level rise, population growth, and urban development.
10. Technical or scientific expertise in structural engineering, environmental impact assessment, geomorphology, ecological, social, economic, institutional, emergency response, etc.
11. Ability to consider various technical analyses and findings across hazard modeling and assessment

of future scenarios, the development of hazard mitigation strategies and solutions for different futures.

12. Ability to develop strategies that identifies, for the appraisal of structural and non-structural measures for future investment, viable interventions and integrates the possibility of generating and capturing additional revenue streams based on the value-addition of the proposed interventions.
13. Expertise to screen the full range of grey-green-blue infrastructure interventions and develop effective concept designs in different environments for structural solutions.
14. Expertise in the conceptual design and implementation of non-structural solutions to mitigate/manage flood risks.
15. Review and development of hydro-met capacity and requirements, flood forecasting and early warning and an understanding of the institutional frameworks and capacities required to implement and manage these systems, as well as the means to optimize the benefits.
16. Ability to develop an investment strategy with measures such that these are well integrated into and improve the urban environment and the resilience of its communities. The investments should not only target risk reduction but also add value to the urban environment and its communities.
17. Cost-benefit and feasibility analysis and/or multi-criteria analysis (incorporating economic, social, environmental, and technical criteria), as support for robustly comparing and prioritizing intervention options of structural/non-structural options, will be required in various forms and levels of detail depending on the level of the assessment, available data, and intended outputs.
18. Consultation and stakeholder engagement, with ability to assess user needs and requirements through a range of techniques, and an ability to elicit contributions from a wide range of technical and non-technical participants at all levels of government and community representation.
19. Deliver projects successfully through strong leadership, effective management, and adaptability. Ensure high-quality outcomes with thorough quality control and efficient change management.
20. Proven skills and methodologies in knowledge transfer and dissemination of findings, to ensure successful engraining of understanding among WBG members and project partners, beyond simple handover of reports.

## **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc. for firms; CV and cover letter for individuals). Please note that the total size of all attachments should be less than 5MB. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. Interested firms are hereby invited to submit expressions of interest. Expressions of Interest should be submitted, in English, electronically through [WBGeProcure RFX Now](#)

## **BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN**

The selected firms will be requested to submit to the WBG, a business continuity plan detailing how they will continue performance of this Contract with a minimum of delay, interruption or other disruption in the event of a security or health and safety event which affects the Vendor's ability to perform the services.

The Vendor will maintain a comprehensive business continuity plan and will provide an executive summary of such plan upon request by the WBG. The Vendor will test the adequacy of its business continuity plan at least annually and upon request, the WBG may participate in such tests. Upon request by the WBG, the Vendor will provide the WBG with a letter stating the most recent business continuity test results. In the event of a business disruption that impacts the Vendor's provision of the Services, the Vendor will promptly notify the WB of the disruption and the steps being implemented under the business continuity plan.

## **DATA PROTECTION ANNEX**

The selected firms must comply with the [World Bank Data Protection Annex](#)

## **SECURITY AND DUTY OF CARE**

The contracting firm will be responsible for making its own security arrangements, as appropriate, for the duration of the contract. The cost associated with the security arrangements must be made part of the Financial Proposal and shown as a separate line item. Future adjustments to such costs will not be allowed. The firm must demonstrate an understanding of and preparedness for the potentially significant security and safety threats their staff, subcontractors, and assets may face in performing under the contract. These may include direct and indirect effects from acts of terrorism, armed conflict, crime, and civil unrest, as well as natural and human-caused hazards. Technical Proposals should therefore include:

1. A security risk assessment outlining the threats and potential risks that may affect the Consultant’s staff, subcontractors, and assets while performing under the contract.
2. A brief statement of anticipated contingency plans and mitigation measures (areas for consideration include updates to the security risk assessment, personnel security briefings, physical security measures, medical care arrangements, and evacuation plans).

The firm will be solely responsible for developing, implementing, and maintaining all necessary safety and security risk management measures to meet their duty of care obligations to their personnel, including any third parties they may engage for delivery of the services. This obligation will be reflected in the relevant contractual provisions (e.g., indemnification and insurance clauses).

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The World Bank Group intends to finance the assignment / services described below under the following sources of funds:

- Bank Budget
- CRP Planning for Resilience
- GFDRR Umbrella Multi-Donor Trust Fund

**NOTES**

Following this invitation for Expression of Interest, a shortlist of qualified firms will be formally invited to respond to a Request for Proposal. Firms will participate in the RFP stage by conducting a simplified flood risk assessment using WBG data and submitting technical and financial proposals. Shortlisting and selection will be subject to funding availability. Contract awards will be made in accordance with the World Bank Group Procurement Policies and Procedures. Only those firms which have been shortlisted will receive notification. No debrief will be provided to firms which have not been shortlisted.

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**Qualification Criteria**

<b>Criteria Text</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>
Substantial experience of the Firm in the disciplines for this Framework Agreement, documented through at least 10 years in business, locations of main offices, and countries of the world where the Firm is currently or has recently been active.	yes
Qualifications in the technical domains covered by the Framework Agreement, related to urban flood risk assessments, demonstrating relevant skills and experience in the services, and in delivering high quality products identified above.	yes
Experience in partnering and previous framework-type experience, with information on the type of services provided, and the framework/s client/s.	yes
Substantial technical and managerial capabilities of the firm and experience in working as part of a consortium, with sub-consultants, and in developing countries with local partners on similar assignments.	yes

**Criteria Text**

**Mandatory**

Numbers and qualifications of key staff who could deliver this assignment (to be provided in a separate table). yes

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