

Expression of Interest Assessment/E-Marking of School Examination Papers

The Government of Sindh has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of Sindh Education Reform Program (SERP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for Public Private Partnership in Education "PPRS".

Sindh Government is committed to provide quality education to the most underserved of the province. Under the Public Private Partnership, the Government has launched a pilot initiative for the promotion of 1,000 private schools in 10 districts of Sindh Province. The pilot phase of the project will be spearheaded by the Sindh Education Foundation (SEF). The pilot phase has been implemented in the following districts:

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| 1. Khairpur | 6. Sanghar |
| 2. Larkana | 7. Badin |
| 3. Kamber-Shahdadkot | 8. Thatta |
| 4. Dadu | 9. Umerkot |
| 5. Shaheed Benazirabad | 10. Mithi |

One of the key components of this project is to provide Quality Education. And to ensure this students' assessment mechanism has been introduced by the Sindh Education Foundation. This mechanism will not only ensure the quality of education but also entitle qualified schools to continue getting subsidy from the Government on per child basis.

SEF intends to engage the services of the reputable Boards, Organizations, Companies, Foundations etc. with expertise/capabilities of assessing (checking/marketing) large quantity of exam papers electronically. Expertise and capability comprise the following:

- Adequate workforce and infrastructure to check up to 300,000 papers approx from Katchi to Grade 8 within stipulated timeframe.
- A secure and transparent system to ensure confidentiality and secrecy of papers.
- Coding identification software capability.
- Skill to analyze the results using IRT (Items response theory) Software.
- Different subject specialists having subject specified expertise in these domains (language, numeracy, social skills, early exploration, science) to assess the papers specificity of Grade Katchi, I & II.

Details terms of reference (ToRs) for obtaining technical and financial proposals would be provided to short listed firms. Interested firms are requested to provide the following details latest by 10th March, 2011:

1. Name, address, phone/fax No. of the firm.
2. A copy of the National Tax Number certificate.
3. Details of similar jobs carried out for the last three years.
4. Copies of reference letters (if any).
5. Undertaking on the letter head of the firm that the firm is not blacklisted by any firm or Govt. Department.
6. Proof of financial stability.
7. Any other document which the interested parties may consider to be in the favor for pre-qualification.

Please mark the envelope "Pre-qualification of Assessment/E-Marking of School Examination Papers" and addressed to Manager Assessment, SEF. SEF reserves the right to pre-qualify or reject any or all the applications without assigning any reason.

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