



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Ministry of Mines

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)

COUNTRY: **Islamic Republic of Afghanistan**

Consultancy Services to Monitor Compliance with Contractual Provisions of Aynak Mining Contracts and Capacity Building for Mining Inspection Activities for Mining Contracts in Ministry of Mines, Afghanistan.

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1. The Ministry of Mines has *received* funding from Ministry of Finance, Afghanistan towards cost of Consultancy Services to Monitor Compliance with Contractual Provisions of Aynak Mining Contracts and Capacity Building for Mining Inspection Activities for Mining Contracts in Ministry of Mines, Afghanistan.
2. The objective is to appoint a Consultancy firm to provide assistance to MoM for ensuring that the Aynak mining licence holder, M/s MCC-Jiangxi Copper Consortium (MCC) undertakes all exploration, feasibility studies and mining operations in accordance with the AMC and relevant AAs in terms of exploration and mining (including beneficiation, smelting and refining of the ore into copper metal) environmental, social and labour conditions and the fiscal and social benefits pledged by MCC for the Aynak mineral rights are implemented. In addition, the consultancy will develop the capacity of national regulators so that at the end of the term of this assignment, national regulators can monitor, and oversee exploration and mining operations in accordance with best internationally recognized regulatory practices and Afghanistan laws and customs.
3. The Purpose of the assignment is to undertake the following activities:-
 - a) Review of Feasibility Studies under the Aynak Mining Contract and related ancillary Agreements:
Consultant shall ensure that the holder of the Aynak Mining Contract (AMC) and contractors and sub-contractors undertake feasibility studies any mining operations and the implementations of all agreements in accordance with the terms and conditions of the AMC and relevant Ancillary Agreements (AAs) and the laws that regulate mining in Afghanistan and the best internationally recognized exploration and mining practices.
 - b) Advice to the Ministry of Mines:
The Consultant will take a significant role in ensuring the satisfactory completion of the various studies [by MCC] required for such a mining operation and the conditions of the contract are met in terms of the feasibility phase and assist the Ministry in the

assessment of the resulting feasibility studies and advise the Ministry of Mines accordingly.

c) Capacity building and know-how transfer to the Ministry's technical staff.

For more information detailed Terms Of Reference (TOR) is enclosed herewith.

4. The Consultant would need to provide inputs of professional specialists for period of 1 year as and when required with the provision of up to five years extension.
5. The Afghanistan Reconstruction and Development Services (ARDS), Ministry of Economy, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan on behalf of Ministry of Mines now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.
6. The main part of the Expression of Interest (EOI) shall be **a specific brief of not more than five (5) pages, to be sent by electronic mail** to the address given below. The five pages shall comprise a brief presentation of the firm or association, including the points mentioned in the above paragraph. The same text, together with all other material shall be sent as **hard copy** to the address given below. Consultants are encouraged to provide only materials that are specific to the proposed services, and to avoid submitting generic promotional material. The consultants, who might have submitted their Expression of Interest for this project against the advertisement issued on **August 31, 2009** will also be considered. However, should these consultants wish to submit fresh expression they are allowed to do so. But any expression submitted against any advertisement for this project previous to August 31, 2009 is no longer valid and the consultant have to apply again if they so desire.
7. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Procurement Law of Afghanistan.
8. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 9:00 to 16:00 Hrs. (Saturday through Wednesday).
9. Expression of interest (EOI) must be delivered to the address below by no later than **November 08, 2009 at 14:00** Hrs local time.

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