

BANGLADESH ELECTION COMMISSION
Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project (2nd Phase)
Nirbachan Bhaban (Floor-8)
Agargaon, Dhaka-1207

Request for Expression of Interest (Re-EOI)

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH		
1	Ministry/Division	Bangladesh Election Commission
2	Agency	Election Commission Secretariat
3	Client Name	Bangladesh Election Commission represented by Project Director, Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project (2 nd Phase)
4	Client Code	Not used at present
5	Client District	Dhaka
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Selection of Communication Consultant (Junior)
7	EOI Ref No	IDEA-2/DPD/Pro/PS-11/Re-expression/045/2021/-1149
8	Date	08 November 2021
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method	Selection of Individual Consultant (SIC)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh (GoB) (Development Budget)
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	Not Applicable
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project / Program Code (if applicable)	224331200
13	Project Name (if applicable)	Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project (2 nd Phase)
14	EOI Closing Date and Time	21 November 2021 & Time: 03:00 PM
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
15	Brief Description of Assignment	Selection of Communication Consultant (Junior)
16	Qualification and Experience	Educational Qualifications: Must have Masters Degree in any discipline but Communications, Public Relations, Journalism, English, International Relations will be preferable. Experience: Must have a minimum of 5 years experience in Journalism/Event Management/ Junior Communication Consultant or similar field. Special Responsibilities: As Per ToR
17	Other Details	Interested applicants shall obtain further information from the Project Office from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM in any working day before the closing date. Applicants shall have to submit EOI with their CV and forwarding letter in sealed envelope labeled with Individual Consultant through the following address and/or email mentioned pd.idea2.bd@gmail.com . The Standard Request for Application (SRFA) for the position will be found at www.ecs.gov.bd & www.nidw.gov.bd
CLIENT DETAILS		
18	Name of Official Inviting EOI	Brigadier General Abul Kashem Md Fazlul Kader ndc, psc
19	Designation of Official Inviting EOI	Project Director, IDEA Project (2 nd Phase)
20	Address of Official Inviting EOI	Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project (2 nd Phase) Nirbachan Bhaban (Floor-8), Agargaon, Dhaka
21	Contract details of Official Inviting EOI	Telephone: 00-88-02-55007591 Electronic mail address: pd.idea2.bd@gmail.com
The Client reserves the right to reject all EOI's		



Abul Kashem Md Fazlul Kader ndc, psc
Brigadier General
Project Director

Purchaser: Bangladesh Election Commission
Project: Identification System for Enhancing Access to
Services (IDEA) Project (2nd Phase)

Type-PS4

Standard Request for Application (SRFA)
Selection of Individual Consultant for
Communication consultant (National)
(Junior)
(Time Based)
(Re-Eol)

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2021
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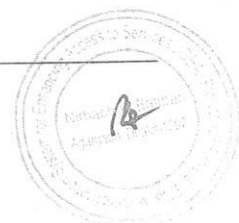


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Section 1. Information to the Applicants

A. General

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| 1. Scope of assignment | 1.1 The Client has been allocated Public fund for Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project (2 nd Phase) and intends to select an Individual Consultant for the specific assignment as specified in the Terms of Reference in Section 2. |
| 2. Qualifications of the Applicant | <p>2.1 Prospective Individuals shall demonstrate in their Applications that they meet the required qualifications and experiences and are fully capable of carrying out the assignment.</p> <p>2.2 The capability of Individuals shall be judged on the basis of academic background, experience in the field of assignment, and as appropriate, knowledge of the local conditions, as well as language and culture.</p> <p>[Minimum educational qualifications, required experience have been mentioned in Terms of reference in Section 2]</p> |
| 3. Eligible Applicants | <p>3.1 Any Bangladeshi national including persons in the service of the Republic or the local authority / Corporations is eligible to apply for the positions</p> <p>3.2 Government officials and civil servants including individuals from autonomous bodies or corporations while on leave of absence without pay are not being hired by the agency they were working for immediately before going on leave and, their employment will not give rise to Conflict of Interest, pursuant to Rule 112 (9) of the Public Procurement rules, 2008</p> <p>3.3 Persons who are already in employment in the services of the Republic or the local authorities/ Corporation etc must have written certification from their employer confirming that they are on leave without pay from their official position and allowed to work full-time outside of their previous official position. Such certification shall be provided to the Client by the Consultant as part of his/her Applications</p> <p>3.4 No person who has been convicted by any Court of Law or dismissed from Services for misconduct shall be eligible for consideration for appointment to a post.</p> <p>3.5 The Applicant has the legal capacity to enter into the Contract</p> <p>3.6 The Applicant has fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes and social security contributions under the relevant national laws.</p> <p>3.7 The Applicant shall not be under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in accordance with Sub-Clause 4.2.</p> |



4. Corrupt,
Fraudulent,
Collusive or
Coercive
Practices

3.8 The Applicant shall not have conflict of interest pursuant to the Clause 5

4.1 The Government requires that Client, as well as Applicants, shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the implementation of procurement proceedings and the execution of Contracts under public funds.

4.2 The Government defines corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices, for the purposes of this provision, in the **Contract Agreement Sub-Clause 3.4**

4.3 Should any corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practice of any kind come to the knowledge of the Client, it shall, in the first place, allow the Applicant to provide an explanation and shall, take actions only when a satisfactory explanation is not received.

4.4 If the Client at any time determines that the Applicant has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in competing for, or in executing, a Contract under public funds., the Client shall:

- (a) exclude the Applicant from participation in the procurement proceedings concerned or reject an Application for award; and
- (b) declare the Applicant ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, from participation in procurement proceedings under public funds.

5. Conflict of
Interest

5.1 Government policy requires that the Applicant provide professional, objective, and impartial advice, and at all times hold the Executing Agency's (Client's) interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own corporate interests.

5.2 The Applicant shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations or that may place them in a position of not being able to carry out the assignment in the best interest of the Client.

5.3 Pursuant to Rule 55 of the Public Procurement Rule 2008, the Applicant has an obligation to disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict of interest that impacts on his capacity to serve the best interest of his Client, or that may reasonably be perceived as having this effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the disqualification of the Applicant or the termination of its Contract.

5.4 The Applicant that has a business or family relationship with a member of the Client's staff may not be awarded a Contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been addressed adequately throughout the selection process and the execution of the Contract.

B. Preparation, Submission & Modification or Substitution of Applications

6. Preparation of Application
- 6.1 Applications shall be typed or written in indelible ink in **English language** and shall be signed by the Applicant. Applicants are required to complete the following Forms:
- (a) Form 3A: Application Submission Form;
 - (b) Form 3B: CV of the Applicant; and
 - (c) Form 3C: Remuneration and Reimbursable
- 6.2 The Remuneration and reimbursable are **purely indicative** and are subject to negotiations and agreement with the Client prior to finalisation of the Contract.
7. Submission of Application
- 7.1 Pursuant to Rule-113(5) of the Public Procurement Rules, prospective Applicants can deliver their Application by hand, mail to the address mentioned in the request for Application advertisement.
- 7.2 Application shall be properly sealed in envelopes addressed to the Client as mentioned in the request for Application advertisement and bear the name & address of the Applicant as well as the name of the assignment.
- 7.3 In case of hand delivery, the Client, on request, shall provide the Applicant with a receipt.
- 7.4 The closing date for submission of Application is [insert date] up to [insert time] Applications must be submitted within this deadline. Any Application received after the deadline for submission of Applications shall be declared late, and returned unopened to the Applicant.
- 7.5 Applications may be modified or substituted before the deadline for submission of Applications.
- 7.6 The Client may at its sole discretion, extend the deadline for submission of Applications.
- 7.7 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Applications the client for any reason on its own initiative may revise the Request for Application Document by issuing an Addendum which shall form an integral part of the Document.

C. Evaluation of Applications

8. Evaluation of applications
- 8.1 Suitability of the Applicants shall be rated by evaluation on the basis of their academic background, relevant Working Experience and its adequacy for the assignment, knowledge of local conditions as well as language.
- 8.2 The points to be given under each of the evaluation Criteria are:



[Client shall fixed the Points]

Criteria	Points
• Educational Qualification*	30
• Relevant Working Experience and its adequacy for the assignment*	35
• Suitability considering age, skill (such as training, computer skills, proficiency in English and Bengali languages and others).*	30
Total points:	95 points

* in each field marks subject to further distribution.

8.3 Applicants thus given points as stated under Clause 8.2, not securing the minimum qualifying points *[insert points; not less than 70]* shall be considered disqualified.

8.4 Applications shall be evaluated by the PEC, who shall prepare a short-list of maximum seven (7) Applicants

8.5 The qualified short-listed Applicants as stated under Clause 8.4 shall be invited for an interview to test their aptitude and presentation by the PEC and shall be rated with five (5) points.

8.6 Points already secured by the Applicants in the evaluation as stated under Clause 8.5, shall be combined with the points obtained in the interview and a list of maximum three (3) most suitable Applicants ranked in order of merit (1-2-3) shall be prepared.

8.7 In pursuant to Rule 114 of the Public Procurement Rules 2008, there shall be no public opening of Applications.

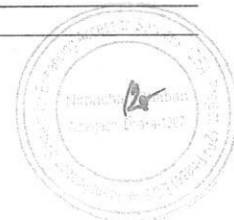
8.8 The Client shall immediately after the deadline for submission of Application convene a meeting of the Proposal Opening Committee(POC)

8.9 The POC, having completed the record of opening, shall send the Applications received and the opening record to the PEC.

8.10 Following the opening of the Applications, and until the Contract is signed, no Applicant shall make any unsolicited communication to the Client. Such an attempt to influence the Client in its decisions on the examination, evaluation, and comparison of either the Applications or Contract award may result in the rejection of the Application.

9. Application Negotiations

9.1 The first-ranked Applicant stated under Clause 8.5 shall then be invited for negotiations, pursuant to Rule 122 of the Public



Procurement Rule, 2008 at the address of the client.

- 9.2 If this fails, negotiate with the second-ranked Applicant, and if this fails negotiate with the third-ranked Applicant, with the hope that successful negotiations are concluded
- 9.3 During negotiations, the Client and the Applicant shall finalise the "Terms of Reference", work schedule, logistics and reporting schedule etc. These documents shall then be incorporated into the Contract as Description of Services"
- 9.4 The Financial negotiations will involve the remuneration and other reimbursable cost to be paid to the Applicant.
- 9.5 Negotiations will conclude with a review of the draft Contract. To complete negotiations the Client and the Applicant will initial the agreed Contract

D. Award of Contract

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| 10. Award of Contract | 10.1 After completing negotiations and having received the approval to award the contract, the Client shall sign the Contract with the selected Applicant. |
| 11. Debriefing | 11.1 After signature of the Contract, the Client shall promptly notify other Applicants that they were unsuccessful.

11.2 The Client shall promptly respond in writing to any unsuccessful Applicant who request the client in writing to explain on which grounds its application was not selected. |
| 12. Commencement of Services | 12.1 The applicant is expected to commence the assignment on [.. insert date...] at the location [insert place..)]. The duration of the contract shall be [.... Months] from the date of commencement. |



Section 2. Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference of Communication Consultant (Junior)

Background

Bangladesh Election Commission (BEC) is responsible for registering all citizens eligible to vote and for conducting open and independent elections in the country according to the Constitution. In addition, BEC has recently been made responsible by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB) for issuing a unique secure identity card to citizens and for administrating all related activities, including the maintenance of a national citizen identification database and delivery of identity verification services to qualified public and private organizations. The BEC has established a National Identity Wing (NIDW) administer this broad national identity system (NIDS). This system is expected to be a strategic national resource to facilitate delivery of public and private services to their intended beneficiaries.

Educational Qualification & Experience

Educational Qualifications: Must have Masters Degree in any discipline but Communications, Public Relations, Journalism, English, International Relations will be preferable.

Experience: Must have a minimum of 5 years experience in Journalism/Event Management/ Junior Communication Consultant or similar field.

Special Responsibilities:

- Production of audio/video films, promotions, various types of event management etc. under the project.
- Coordination with electronic and print media, collection and storage of various reports related to projects and election commission and taking action as per the instructions of the authorities.
- Maintain internal liaison with the project office, liaison with stakeholders and suppliers.
- Internal communication strategies, strategy analysis including communication strategies with different stakeholders (VIPs) and will play an appropriate role in fulfilling the communication objectives.
- Promote and implement the importance of internal communication.
- Arrange for internal communication activities, convey the advice of Project Director/Deputy Project Director's advice to everyone working in the project.
- Coordinate and publish various types of advertising in all types of media such as electronic media/print media and social media, and save the content to be published.
- Take measures to make available different types of update programs of the project directly to the public and will raise public awareness about it.



- Maintain communication with all field level offices related to voter list and national identity card.
- Campaign to raise public awareness about voter list and national identity card services and take action according to the orders of higher authorities.
- Coordinate with all field level offices regarding voter list printing. (If required)
- Any kind of responsibility has to be fulfilled in the interest of the project under the direction of the higher officials.



Section 3. Application Forms

Form 3A: Application Submission Form

Form 3B: CV of the Applicant

Form 3C: Remuneration and Reimbursable



Form 3A. Application Submission

[Location: dd/mm/yy]

To:

[Name]

[Address of Client]

Dear Sirs:

I am hereby submitting my Application to provide the consulting Services for [Insert title of assignment] in strict accordance with your Request for Application dated [dd/mm/yy].

I declare that I was not associated, nor have been associated in the past, directly or indirectly, with a Consultant or any other entity that has prepared the design, specifications and others documents in accordance with Clause 5.

I further declare that I have not been declared ineligible by the Government of Bangladesh on charges of engaging in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in accordance with Clause 4.

I undertake, if I am selected, to commence the consulting Services for the assignment not later than the date indicated in Clause 12.1.

I understand that you are not bound to accept any Application that you may receive.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Signature

Print name

Address:

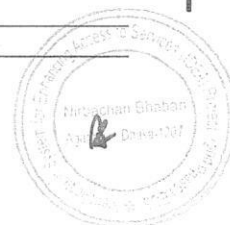
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Attachment:



Form 3B. Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the Applicant

1	PROPOSED POSITION FOR THIS PROJECT :	<i>[From the Terms of Reference, state the position for which the Consultant will be engaged.]</i>																																								
2	NAME OF PERSON :	<i>[state full name]</i>																																								
3	DATE OF BIRTH :	<i>[dd/mm/yy]</i>																																								
4	NATIONALITY :	<i>Please include your NID number with the nationality information.</i>																																								
5	MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES	<i>[state rank and name of society and year of attaining that rank].</i>																																								
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8	LANGUAGES & DEGREE OF PROFICIENCY	<i>Language Skills (English speaking, writing, proofing, translation etc):</i>																																								



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9 COUNTRIES OF WORK EXPERIENCE

10 EMPLOYMENT RECORD

[starting with present position list in reverse order [every employment held and state the start and end dates of each employment]

[The Applicant should clearly distinguish whether as an "employee" of the firm or as a "Consultant" or "Advisor" of the firm].

[The Applicant should clearly indicate the Position held and give a brief description of the duties in which the Applicant was involved].

Please provide details about working experiences in segregated manner as follows.

Overall Experiences in the applied position or field:

Sl.	Organization	Name of the Project (if applicable)	Position	Working area (short description)	Duration		
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Relevant Experiences in Development Project:

Sl.	Organization	Name of the Project	Position	Working area (short description)	Duration		
					From	To	Days/Months/Year

Experiences in Other sectors/areas: (if any)

Sl.	Organization	Position	Working area (short description)	Duration		
				From	To	Days/Months/Year

11 WORK UNDERTAKEN THAT BEST ILLUSTRATES THE CAPABILITY TO HANDLE THIS ASSIGNMENT

[give an outline of experience and training most pertinent to tasks on this assignment, with degree of responsibility held. Use about half of a page A4].

12 COMPUTER SKILL

Sl.	Name of the course/training (relevant)	Institution	Duration		
			From	To	Days/Months/Year



CERTIFICATION

[Do not amend this Certification].

I, the undersigned, certify that (i) I was not a former employee of the Client immediately before the submission of this proposal, and (ii) to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

Signature			
Print name			
Date of Signing			
dd / mm / yyyy			



Form 3C. Indicative Remuneration & Expenses

The Consultant should provide an indication of the remuneration as per the format shown below. This will not be used for evaluation of the Consultant's Application but solely for the purposes of Application Negotiations to be held as stated in **Clause 9.1**.

A) Remuneration

Name of Consultant	Rate, Taka	24 months	Total Taka
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d) = (b) x (c)
Remuneration is made on a [state monthly, daily or hourly] rate		Sub-Total (A)	

Note: A month consists of 30 calendar days.

(B) Reimbursable

	Rate per unit	Total unit	Total Amount (Tk)
(a) Per Diem Allowance	As per actual cost		
(b) Air Travel Costs	Not Applicable		
(c) Other Travel Costs (state mode of travel)	As per actual cost		
(d) Communication charges	As per actual cost		
(e) Reproduction of Reports	Not Applicable		
(f) Other Expenses (to be listed)			
(j) Telephone Bill/Mobile bill			
(k) Internet Bill		Sub-total	
Supporting document and vouchers must be attached with the invoice			

**** VAT and other indirect taxes to be paid by the client and direct tax to be paid by consultant.**

CONTRACT CEILING (A) +(B)=	Total =
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Section 4. Contract Forms

The ***Contract Agreement***, which once completed and signed by the Client and the Consultant, clearly defines the Client's and Consultants' respective responsibilities.



4.1 Contract Agreement (Time-based)

THIS CONTRACT ("the Contract") is entered into this day of [dd/mm/yy], by and between [insert name of Client] ("the Procuring Entity") having its office at [insert address of Client], and [insert name of Consultant] ("the Consultant") having his/her address at [insert address of Consultant].

WHEREAS, the Client wishes to have the Consultant performing the Services hereinafter referred to, and

WHEREAS, the Consultant is willing to perform these Services,

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES hereby agree as follows:

General

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|---|--|
| 1. Services | 1.1 The Consultant shall perform the Services specified in Annex A(Description of Services), which are made an integral part of the Contract. |
| 2. Duration | 2.1 The Consultant shall perform the Services during the period commencing from[dd/mm/yy] and continuing until[dd/mm/yy] for 24 months, and it may be extended upto 30 November 2025 or any other period as may be subsequently agreed by the parties in writing.

2.2 |
| 3. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive or Coercive Practices | 3.1 The Government requires that Client , as well as Applicants, shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the implementation of procurement proceedings and the execution of Contracts under public funds.

3.2 The Government defines corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices, for the purposes of this provision, in the Sub-Clause 3.5

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(a) exclude the Applicant from participation in the procurement proceedings concerned or reject an Application for award; and

(b) declare the Applicant ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, from participation in procurement proceedings under public funds. |



3.5 The Government defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:

"corrupt practice" means offering, giving or promising to give, receiving, or soliciting either directly or indirectly, to any officer or employee of a Client or other public or private authority or individual, a gratuity in any form; employment or any other thing or service of value as an inducement with respect to an act or decision or method followed by a Client in connection with a Procurement proceeding or Contract execution;

"fraudulent practice" means the misrepresentation or omission of facts in order to influence a decision to be taken in a Procurement proceeding or Contract execution;

"collusive practice" means a scheme or arrangement between two (2) or more Persons, with or without the knowledge of the Client, that is designed to arbitrarily reduce the number of Tenders submitted or fix Tender prices at artificial, non-competitive levels, thereby denying a Client the benefits of competitive price arising from genuine and open competition; or

"coercive practice" means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, Persons or their property to influence a decision to be taken in the Procurement proceeding or the execution of a Contract, and this will include creating obstructions in the normal submission process used for Tenders, Applications, Proposals or Quotations.

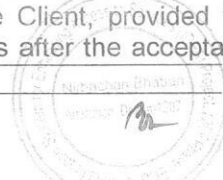
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| 4. Applicable Law | 4.1 The Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the People's Republic of Bangladesh |
| 5. Governing Language | 5.1 The language governing the Contract shall be English, however for day to day communications in writing both Bangla and English may be used. |
| 6. Modification of Contract | 6.1 The Contract shall only be modified by agreement in writing between the Client and the Consultant. |
| 7. Ownership of Material | 7.1 Any studies, reports or other material, graphic, software or otherwise, prepared by the Consultant for the Client under the Contract shall belong to and remain the property of the Client.

7.2 The Consultant may, with the prior written approval of the Client, retain a copy of such documents and software, but shall not use them for purposes unrelated to the Contract. |
| 8. Relation between the Parties | 8.1 Nothing contained in the Contract shall be construed as establishing or creating any relationship other than that of independent Consultant between the Client and the Consultant. |
| 9. Contractual Ethics | 9.1 No fees, gratuities, rebates, gifts, commissions or other payments, other than those shown in the Contract, shall have been given or received in connection with the selection process or in the contract execution. |

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| 10. Ceiling Amount | <p>10.1 The Client shall pay the Consultant for the Services rendered pursuant to 'Description of Services' 'a ceiling amount not to exceed Tk [insert amount] (Excluding VAT), which includes remuneration and reimbursable expenses as set forth in Clauses 10.2. These amounts have been established based on the understanding that it includes all of the Consultant's costs as well as any tax obligation that may be imposed on the Consultant.</p> <p>10.2 The composition of the Remuneration and Reimbursable which make up the ceiling amount are detailed in Annex B</p> |
| 11. Remuneration | <p>11.1 The Client shall pay the Consultant for Services rendered with the rates agreed and specified in ANNEX B "Cost estimates for Services and Schedule of Rates". Remuneration rates shall be on monthly.</p> <p>11.2 Monthly Rate: The time spent in performing the Services shall include travel time, weekends and public holidays, and to the extent specified in Clause 15.2 shall also include periods of casual leave and sick leave. In cases where only part of a month is worked then remuneration shall be computed by dividing the monthly rate by 30 and multiplying by the number of days worked i.e. time spent (as described above) during that month;</p> |
| 12. Reimbursables | <p>12.1 Per Diem Allowance: The Consultant shall, when performing the Services away from the duty station, be entitled to per diem allowance in accordance with the agreed per diem rates.</p> <p>12.2 Travel Costs: The Consultant shall, when performing the Services away from the duty station, be entitled to travel costs in accordance with the agreed travel costs.</p> <p>12.3 Other Expenses: The Consultant shall, when performing the Services, be entitled to reimbursement of any other expenses as detailed in Annex B.</p> <p>12.4 For other reasonable reimbursable expenses not falling within the above three categories, but which may arise during performance of the Services, such expenses will only be reimbursed by the Client as it may at its sole discretion approve, subject to available of budget.</p> <p>13.1 Monthly Payments: The Consultant shall submit an Invoice for Remuneration and Reimbursable at the end of every month and payments shall be made by the Client within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the invoice.</p> <p>13.2 Suspension: The Client may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend all payments to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant fails to perform his/her obligations under this Contract.</p> <p>13.3 Refund of Excess Payment: Any amount if paid to the Consultant in excess of the amount actually payable under the provisions of the Contract shall be reimbursed by the Consultant within thirty (30) days of receipt of the claim from the Client, provided that such claim is lodged within three(3) months after the acceptance</p> |



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Obligations of the Consultant

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| 13. Medical Arrangements | 14.1 The Consultant shall, before commencement of the Services furnish the Client with a medical report providing evidence satisfactory to the Client that the Consultant is in good health and is not subject to any physical or mental disability which may interfere with his/her performance of the Services. |
| 14. Working Hours and Leave | 15.1 The Consultant shall, when engaged directly with the Client, follow the normal Working Hours and Holidays of the Client, and entitlement to leave as per the Client's Rules.

15.2 Sick Leave
(a) Entitlement to sick leave shall occur at the rate of one and one half (1.5) working days for every month during which the consultant is performing the service.
(b) Entitlement to sick leave shall be conditional upon the liability to the consultant to perform the services, and the Consultant shall furnish the client with all such medical and other evidence of his/her said inability of his/her said inability as the client may reasonably require. |
| 15. Performance Standard | 16.1 The Consultant undertakes to perform the Services with the highest standards of professional and ethical competence and integrity. |
| 16. Contract Administration | 17.1 Client's Representative
The Client's representative, as indicated in Annex A, shall be responsible for the coordination of all activities under the Contract.

17.2 Timesheets
The Consultant providing Services may be required to complete standard timesheets or any other document to identify the time spent, as requested by the Client's Representative. |
| 17. Confidentiality | 18.1 The Consultant shall not, during the term of the Contract or within two years after its expiration, disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the Services, the Contract or the Client's business operations without the prior written consent of the Client. |
| 18. Consultant's Liabilities | 19.1 The Consultant shall continue to cooperate with the Client after the termination of the Contract, to such reasonable extent as may be necessary to clarify or explain any reports or recommendations made by the Consultant.

19.2 The Consultant shall report immediately to the Client any circumstances or events which might reasonably be expected to hinder or prejudice the performance of the Services. |
| 19. Consultant not to be Engaged | 20.1 The Consultant agrees that, during the term of the Contract and after its termination, the Consultant shall be disqualified from providing |



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goods, works or services (other than any continuation of the Services under the Contract) for any project resulting from or closely related to the Services.

Obligations of the Client

20. Services,
Facilities and
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21.1 The Client shall, free of any charge to the Consultant, make available for the purpose of carrying out the assignment data, local services, personnel, and facilities indicated in Annex A.

Termination and Settlement of Disputes

21. Termination

22.1 By the Client

The Client may terminate the Contract by not less than twenty-eight (28) days written notice to the Consultant, Such notice to be given after the occurrence of any event necessitating such termination.

22.2 By the Consultant

The Consultant may terminate the Contract, by not less than twenty eight (28) days written notice to the Client, if the Client fails to pay any monies due to the Consultant pursuant to the Contract.

22. Dispute
Resolution

23.1 Amicable Settlement

The Client and the Consultant shall use their best efforts to settle amicably all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Contract or its interpretation.

23.2 Arbitration

If the dispute cannot be settled the same may be settled through arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Act 2001 of Bangladesh as at present in force. The place of Arbitration shall be in Dhaka.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have signed this agreement the day and year first above written.

FOR THE CLIENT

FOR THE CONSULTANT

Signature

Signature

Print Name & Position:

Print Name:



The following documents forming the integral part of this contract shall be interpreted in the following order of priority:

(a) The Form of contract

Annex A: Description of Services

Annex B: Cost Estimates of Services and Schedule of Rates



ANNEX A:Description of the Services

Terms of Reference of Communication Consultant (Junior)

Background

Bangladesh Election Commission (BEC) has established a NID database and voter database through IDEA Project-2.. In addition, BEC has recently been made responsible by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB) for issuing a unique secure identity card to citizens and for administrating all related activities, including the maintenance of a national citizen identification database and delivery of identity verification services to qualified public and private organizations. The BEC has established a National Identity Wing (NIDW) administer this broad national identity system (NIDS). This system is expected to be a strategic national resource to facilitate delivery of public and private services to their intended beneficiaries.

Educational Qualification & Experience

Educational Qualifications: Must have Masters Degree in any discipline but Communications, Public Relations, Journalism, English, International Relations will be preferable.

Experience: Must have a minimum of 5 years experience in Journalism/Event Management/ Junior Communication Consultant or similar field.

Special Responsibilities:

- Production of audio/video films, promotions, various types of event management etc. under the project.
- Coordination with electronic and print media, collection and storage of various reports related to projects and election commission and taking action as per the instructions of the authorities.
- Maintain internal liaison with the project office, liaison with stakeholders and suppliers.
- Internal communication strategies, strategy analysis including communication strategies with different stakeholders (VIPs) and will play an appropriate role in fulfilling the communication objectives.
- Promote and implement the importance of internal communication.
- Arrange for internal communication activities, convey the advice of Project Director/Deputy Project Director's advice to everyone working in the project.
- Coordinate and publish various types of advertising in all types of media such as electronic media/print media and social media, and save the content to be published.
- Take measures to make available different types of update programs of the project directly to the public and will raise public awareness about it.



- Maintain communication with all field level offices related to voter list and national identity card.
- Campaign to raise public awareness about voter list and national identity card services and take action according to the orders of higher authorities.
- Coordinate with all field level offices regarding voter list printing. (If required)
- Any kind of responsibility has to be fulfilled in the interest of the project under the direction of the higher officials.



ANNEX B: Cost estimates of Services and Schedule of Rates

(A) Remuneration

Name of Consultant	Rate, Taka	24 months	Total Taka
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d) = (b) x (c)
Remuneration is made on a [state monthly, daily or hourly] rate		Sub-Total (A)	

Note: A month consists of 30 calendar days.

(B) Reimbursable

	Rate per unit	Total unit	Total Amount (Tk)
(g) Per Diem Allowance	As per actual cost		
(h) Air Travel Costs	Not Applicable		
(i) Other Travel Costs (state mode of travel)	As per actual cost		
(j) Communication charges	As per actual cost		
(k) Reproduction of Reports	Not Applicable		
(l) Other Expenses (to be listed)			
(j) Telephone Bill/Mobile bill			
(k) Internet Bill		Sub-total	
Supporting document and vouchers must be attached with the invoice			

**** VAT and other indirect taxes to be paid by the client and direct tax to be paid by consultant.**

CONTRACT CEILING (A) +(B)=	Total =
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