

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

HIRING OF LEGAL CONSULTANCY FIRM

Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA) invites applications from qualified, experienced and registered Firms/companies for the hiring of short-term consultancy services:

▪ LEGAL CONSULTANCY FIRM

Interested Firms may submit Technical & Financial Quotations (sealed) latest by **30-09-2024** till **11:00 hours**, at the following address which shall be opened on the same date at **11:30 hours**. The detailed ToRs are attached.

For obtaining any information, please feel free to contact at procurement@pscagop.pk, Contact: (+92) (42) (99051605-7) Website: www.pscagop.pk

**CHIEF LAW & PROCUREMENT OFFICER,
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Lahore**

TERMS OF REFERENCE
"HIRING OF LEGAL CONSULTANCY FIRM-
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN PUNJAB SAFE CITIES AUTHORITY
(PSCA) AND M/S HUAWEI"

1. BACKGROUND

PSCA is a statutory body established through the Punjab Safe Cities Authority Act, 2016 with the goal of monitoring and curtailing terrorism through construction, development, and maintenance of a city-wide integrated command, control, and communications system in the major cities of the Punjab. To conceptualize its flagship project, PSCA entered into a contract agreement with M/s Huawei Technologies Pakistan Private Limited (the principal contractor) on May 20, 2016 (the "Contract"), at a cost of USD 120 million (the "Project"). After certain variations and expansion to Kasur City, the cost rose to USD 139.4 million. Further, in December 2022, a settlement agreement was signed with M/s Huawei Technologies Pakistan Limited with the completion date for the closure February 29th, 2024.

2. OBJECTIVE/PURPOSE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

PSCA intends to hire a registered firm of legal consultants (the **Legal Consultant**), on the basis of its qualification and experience in accordance with Rule 46-A (*Selection process of firm of consultants*) i.e. "for short consultancy" of the Punjab Procurement Rules, 2014, (PPR-14). The primary objective of this consultancy is to draft a further settlement agreement, in consultation with PSCA, in respect of the PPIC3 Lahore Project.

3. SCOPE OF SERVICE

The Legal Consultancy Firm shall be required to provide the following consultancy services (the **Assignment**):

- i. Drafting of the settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement"), in light of PPIC3 Lahore main contract, variation orders, settlement agreement in consultation with and based on the information provided by PSCA.

Exclusions

- i. The consultant will not be required to assist PSCA in seeking any consents

and approvals and / or attend any meetings with Huawei or third parties (including any government entities) pertaining to the Settlement Agreement.

ii. The consultant will not provide any legal opinion on the compliance of the Contract, the previous settlement agreement, the Settlement Agreement or any other agreement in respect of the Project with any laws.

4. CONDITIONS OF EVALUATION

Following criteria shall be followed to evaluate the most suitable firm for the assignment:

Sr. #	Evaluation Criteria	Description	Maximum Marks
1.	Firm's experience	Firm Establishment 8 years or more = 05 Marks 6 years = 04 Marks 4 Years = 03 Marks 2 Years = 02 Marks 1 Year = 01 Marks	05
2.	Personnel capabilities	Human Resource/Advocate(s) 4 or more members = 10 Marks 3 members = 05 Marks Less than 03 members = 02 Mark	10
		Qualification of Person(s)/staff One or more person(s) is; LLM or higher = 5 Marks LLB = 2 Marks	05
3.	Relevant Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extensive experience in contract law, particularly in drafting engineering, procurement and construction contracts ▪ Familiarity with the applicable legal and regulatory framework. 10 or more = 10 Marks Up to 5 = 05 Marks Less than 5 = 0 Mark	10
Total Marks			30
Passing Marks			25

5. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

The consultant shall be responsible to deliver the draft Further Settlement Agreement b/w to PSCA within prescribed timelines.

6. TIME PERIOD

The duration of the engagement of the Legal Consultant/Firm for the assignment shall be for a period of three (03) months as per the PPR-14.

7. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The Payment Schedule shall be finalized at the time of Contract execution with the Qualified/Successful Consultant within the limit prescribed in the Punjab Procurement Rules, 2014 (PPR-14).

8. PROCESS OF HIRING

The firm shall be selected/hired on Least Cost Selection Method provided in Rule 45 (1) read with Rule 46-A of PPR-14 on the basis of applications/quotations submitted by the applicants. The process of this procurement shall be completed under the strict compliance of applicable relevant laws/ PPR-14.

9. Reporting and Coordination

The consultant will report to Chief Operating Officer, PSCA / its representative and will coordinate closely with PSCA team.