



Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Ministry of Higher Education and Cultural Affairs,
Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD)
Operation
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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Assignment Title: Consultancy services to identify and protect potentially valuable intellectual property arising from research conducted by universities and higher education institutions under Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) operation in different jurisdictions

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The Government of Sri Lanka has received a credit/loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/ International Development Agency of the World Bank to implement the Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) operation. The Ministry of Higher Education and Cultural Affairs an implementing agency under the AHEAD operation intends to apply part of the AHEAD proceeds for the above consulting services.

The consulting services include identifying and protecting the intellectual property arising from the research conducted by Sri Lankan researchers at universities and higher education institutions under AHEAD operation to optimize the patent portfolio at universities in Sri Lanka during the period 2019-2021.

The Director/AHEAD hereby invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide following information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

- a) General experience/company profile
- b) Details of filing Patents, Industrial designs, Trademarks and copyrights successfully carried out during last 10 years
- c) Details of filed Patents which were licensed to commercial partners by the licensors during the last 10 years
- d) List of research areas that the company can cater to with respect to filing of patents
- e) Details of in-house qualified permanent professional staff with their qualifications and experience

- f) List of similar assignments-in-progress,
- g) Details of the professionals where the consultant can draw expert advice on IP protection at different jurisdictions.
- h) Audited financial statements for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017
- i) Other resources available for this activity and any other supporting documents

The shortlisting criteria are:

- Similar experience of the firm,
- Similar assignments completed during the last 10 years
- Similar assignments work-in-progress,
- Availability of appropriate skills among staff,
- Financial strength, of the firm

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers* of January 2011 revised July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained by downloading the terms of references from <https://ahead.lk/web/news/index.html> or from the lead academic expert research and innovation at AHEAD operation by sending a mail to rdic.ahead@gmail.com.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by December 10, 2018.

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