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Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka  
Ministry of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation  
Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Operation  
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## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**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**

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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, Technology and Innovation 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 2020-2021.

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 3 years
- c) Details of filed Patents which were licensed to commercial partners by the licensors during the last 3 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 2016, 2017, and 2018
- 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 3 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.

The services will be implemented in two parts as identification and protection of potentially valuable intellectual property arising from researches separately.

Further information can be obtained by downloading the two terms of references for two parts of the **Consultancy services** from <https://ahead.lk/> or from the lead academic expert research and innovation at AHEAD operation by sending a mail to [rdic.ahead@gmail.com](mailto: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 **January 27, 2020**.

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