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**Expressions of Interest**

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The Government of Sindh is committed to provide quality education to the most underserved of the province. For that purpose the Government has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of Sindh Education Reform Program II (SERP II), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for Public Private Partnership in Education.

The Sindh Education Foundation, with support from World Bank and the Government of Sindh, is embarking on an initiative for improving access to quality education through cost-effective private schooling model. Under this initiative, in 1st phase 200, in 2nd phase 100, 3rd Phase 185 schools had been established through private entrepreneurs selected via an objective merit-based and transparent selection process in 10 districts (Khairpur, Larkana, Kamber-Shahdadkot, Dadu, Shaheed Benazirabad, Sanghar, Badin, Thatta, Umerkot and Mithi) of Sindh Province through the program "Promoting Private Schooling in Rural Sindh" (PPRS).

One of the key components of this project is to provide Quality Education. And to ensure this students' assessment mechanism has been introduced by the Sindh Education Foundation. This mechanism will not only ensure the quality of education but also entitle qualified schools to continue getting subsidy from the Government on per child basis.

The services include:

- Have a verifiable track record to checking around 300,000 papers/copies from Katchi to Grade 8 within stipulated timeframe.
- A secure and transparent system to ensure confidentiality and secrecy of papers.
- Coding identification software capability.
- Skill to analyze the results preferably using IRT (item response theory) Software.
- Different subject specialists having subject specified expertise in these domains. (language, numeracy, social skills, early exploration, science) to assess the papers specifically of Grade Katchi, I, II & III.

The Sindh Education Foundation now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

**Now the interested firms are required to submit their company profiles before April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. For understanding of requirements, the Details TORs are available at our website [www.sef.org.pk](http://www.sef.org.pk).**

Firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's **Guidelines: Selection and employment of Consultants (SBCQ) by World Bank Borrowers January 2011.**

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**Deputy Director Procurement**