

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Special Branch Headquarters, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka.

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selecting Researcher/Research firm (National)

| 1. | Ministry/Division | Ministry of Home Affairs |
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| 2. | Agency | Special Branch |
| 3. | Head of Procuring Entity | Additional Inspector General, Special Branch, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka. |
| 4. | Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) | For the Selection of Researcher/Research Firm |
| 5. | EOI Reference No | Memo No-44.01.0000.095.36.002.23-12 |
| 6. | Date | 16.01.2024 |
| | | Key Information |
| 7. | Procurement Method | Ouality and Cost Based Selection (OCBS) |
| 8. | The Period of Assignment | 1. 24 months (গোয়েন্দা তথ্য বিশ্লেষণের জন্য উপযুক্ত ও আধুনিক প্রযুক্তিগত পদ্ধতি চিহ্নিতকরণ, অনুসরণ এক্ তার প্রয়োগ), 2. 24 months (Strategic Approach for Preventing and Countering Violent |
| | | Extremism (P/CVe) and Terrorism: Bangladesh Perspective) |
| 9. | Source of Fund | Revenue Budget, GoB |
| 10. | Title of Research | গোয়েন্দা তথ্য বিশ্লেষণের জন্য উপযুক্ত ও আধুনিক প্রযুক্তিগত পদ্ধতি চিহ্নিতকরণ, অনুসরণ এবং তার প্রয়োগ, Strategic Approach for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVe) and Terrorism: Bangladesh Perspective |
| 11. | EOI Publication Date | 17 January 2024 |
| 12. | Time and Date of Pre-Proposal Meeting | 14.30 hrs on 23 January 2024 |
| 13. | Closing Time and Date of EOI Submission | 12 hrs on 30 January 2024 |
| 14. | Time and Date of EOI Opening | 12.30 hrs on 31 January 2024 |
| 15. | Brief Description of the Assignment | প্রায়েন্দা তথ্য বিশ্লেষণের জন্য উপযুক্ত ও আধুনিক প্রযুক্তিগত পদ্ধতি চিহ্নিতকরণ, অনুসরণ এবং তার প্রয়োগ, Strategic Approach for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVe) and Terrorism: Bangladesh Perspective |
| 16. | Qualifications of researcher/research firm | i)Researcher(s) is/are requested to send a write—up not exceeding 2000 word in Consistence with the topic as above (in prescribed form stated in Banglades Police Gobeshona Nitimala, 2018), Providing (a) Educational Qualification (b) Birth certificate/NID (c) Years of Research Experience(d) Publishe Articles (with reference) (e) Certificate of Highest Degree (f) Resumes of Research Associate/Associates along with (g) e-TIN Certificate (h) Nobjection letter from the appropriate authority (if working in any public of private university or other autonomous body) to conduct the research. ii) Research firm(s) is/are requested to send a write-up not exceeding 200 words in consistence with the topic as above (in prescribed form Stated in Bangladesh Police Gobeshona Nitimala, 2018) Providing (a) Trade License (the Research Experience (c) Research Experience of the Chief Executive of the Firm (d) Educational Qualifications of the Chief Executive of the Firm (d) Educational Qualifications of the firm (Books), Articles/Research Articles) (g) Capacity of the Firm (Infrastructure/Logistic-Transpor Photocopier, Scanner etc), number of researchers and personnel (h) TIP Certificate of the Chief of Executive of Firm. Attested copies of relevant papers mentioned above must be submitted along with the EOI. |
| 17. | The Place where the application will be | Special Superintendent of Police (Planning & Research), Special Branch |
| TOTAL CO. | received | Headquarters 11th floor, Room No-1208, Malibag, Dhaka. |
| 18. | Name of Official Inviting EOI | Mahmuda Amatullah |
| | Designation of Official Inviting EOI | Special superintendent of Police (Planning & Research), Special Branch, |
| 19. | | Headquarters. |
| 19. 20. | Address of Official Inviting EOI | Special Branch, Headquarters, Malibag, Dhaka. |

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Section 6. Terms of Reference

A. Title: "Strategic Approach for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) and Terrorism: Bangladesh Perspective"

B. Objectives:

The Researcher will consult with the concern authority regarding the objective.

C. Description of the assignment:

The following minimum activities to be conducted in this research –

- Independently make research plan/ research proposal in compliance with mission and vision of Bangladesh Police and also with the Bangladesh Police Research Policy, 2018 (The Bangladesh Police Research Policy is available on www.police.gov.bd)
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- 3) Prepare a suitable dissertation;
- 4) The researcher/research organization has to accomplish his/her or their tasks by April 2025;
- 5) Research reports might be written either in Bangla or in English, but a standard English/Bangla translation must be submitted a standard Bangla translation
- 6) 200 printed copies of research reports (English 100 & Bangla 100) with suitable design and format shall be submitted to SSP, P&R, Special Branch, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka after the completion of research work;
- 7) At least one formal presentation/dissemination seminar shall be made before Police officers and relevant experts after completion of research work.
- 8) At least one presentation shall be made before Proposal Evaluation committee (PEC) with technical proposal.
- 9) At least three presentations (i. Inception report; ii. Data Collection Report; iii. Draft Report) shall be made before Special Branch Research Committee and/Acceptance Committee during conducting of research work.
- 10) The formation of research team to be comprised with at least 03 (Three) researchers including principal investigator.
- 11) The researcher shall provide outline and workflow of each programs, based on the objectives of mentioned above. (However, research objectives provided in the RFP might be revisited as per the requirement of the procuring entity if needed)
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- The researcher shall be able to participate in any meeting for reviewing progress as per demand of Special Branch when required;

D. Research Technical Proposal shall contain:

- (a) Executive summary: In 500 words, it should make clear what the study is about, why it is important to study, and how it will be done.
- **(b) Title:** "Strategic Approach for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) and Terrorism: Bangladesh Perspective"
 - (c) Introduction: A brief background of the proposed research work and its relevance;
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 - (i) Research Team: This shall show the persons involved in the study with a brief bio-data of them focusing on their academic field and research experience;
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E. Contract Duration: The contract shall be for the period namely March/2024 - April/2025.

F. Qualification

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Miscellaneous

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