



**Enhancing IT Exports Through Industry
Support Programs**



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

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1 Pakistan Software Export Board (G) Ltd, An Introduction

Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) is the government agency mandated to promote the Pakistani IT industry locally & internationally.

PSEB is a guarantee limited company totally owned and funded by the Government of Pakistan. It is under the administrative control of the Federal Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications, and has a non Executive Board of Directors that is chaired by the Federal Minister of IT and Telecommunications.

Through its many support programs, PSEB aims to help Pakistani companies and professionals in obtaining a greater share of the domestic as well as the global IT and ITeS market place.

2 Major Functions of PSEB

Since 1995, PSEB has been facilitating the overall development of the IT industry in general, and the export of software as well as IT enabled services in particular. Major functions are as follows;

- Formulate and implement policy frameworks and incentive packages for the IT industry.
- Act as an interface between the Government and the IT industry.
- Interact with the relevant regulatory bodies to develop the enabling infrastructure.
- Conceptualize and execute projects for the development of the Industry.
- Enhance the quality of IT education.
- Resolve problems/concerns of the IT industry with relevant government quarters.
- Address queries by overseas companies or direct them to the appropriate channels.
- Maintain the competitiveness of the local IT industry in the international market by creating a viable domestic environment.
- Bring IT companies under one platform.
- Market Pakistan as a viable IT Destination
- Monitor developments within the global IT sector and formulate / implement policies to adjust for the changed environment.
- Accelerate the growth of the domestic IT Sector.

3 Introduction to the Project

There is a need to establish a comprehensive Information Security Management System within all major IT companies of Pakistan as in the modern day business; they need to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of both vital corporate information and customer information. The standard for Information Security Management System (ISMS). The project has fast become one of the world's established biggest sellers and hence it is the right time to launch a project to assist IT companies in adopting this standard. Pakistan IT has seen a recent up thrust and many companies are now working with blue chip companies of the world. Recent worldwide scams of client information trading illegally by the middle level office staff of certain companies have ignited the need of strong information security processes implementation around the globe. As a result of these scams most foreign companies / organizations have now started to check the information security arrangements at their client companies before outsourcing any business to them. Implementing this standard in the country's IT industry would surely assist in the export business

PSEB has already assisted 110 companies in achieving ISO9001, 11 companies in achieving ISO27001/BS7799 and 23 companies in CMMI Level-2, Level-3 & Level-5.

PSEB is now looking forward to assist 25 more companies on ISO27001 in next four years.



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4 Objectives of the Project

The objectives of this advertisement are to provide consultancy to 17 companies on ISO27001 as per the following schedule:

FY	Number of Companies	Consultancy
2016-17	08	ISO27001
2017-18	09	ISO27001
Total	17	

PSEB shall bear 80% consultancy cost of ISO27001 and remaining 20% shall be borne by the company being consulted.

5 Purpose of this Document

The purpose of this document is to specify the approach that PSEB will use to evaluate and select Software Companies for enrollment into this program. This document also describes the requirements that the company has to fulfill in order to be selected.

6 General Instructions

1.1 Proposal Submission

a. All proposals must be accompanied by a bid security (refundable) @2% of the bid value in the form of a Pay Order/Demand Draft in favor of "PSEB" (cheques will not be accepted).

b. Proposals will be accepted and evaluated using a single stage two envelopes process. The bid shall comprise a single package containing two separate envelopes. Each envelope shall contain separately the financial proposal and the technical proposal. The envelopes shall be marked as "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL" and "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" in bold and legible letters to avoid confusion. Initially, only the envelope marked "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" shall be opened and evaluated by the evaluation committee. The envelope marked as "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL" shall be retained without being opened. FINANCIAL PROPOSALS of those firms/companies shall be opened whose "TECHNICAL PROPOSALS" are accepted by the technical evaluation committee. Final assignment award will be done on the basis of combined technical and financial score in the following manner:

Proposal	Weight
Technical	50%
Financial	50%

c. Proposals shall be submitted in English language.

d. The proposals shall be clear and elaborate.

f. Bidders may request in writing, for clarification of any of the provisions of the RFP up till 05 (five) days before the submission date. All queries may be sent to industryprograms@pseb.org.pk. Responses to queries will be emailed.



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- e. The costs of preparing the proposal and of negotiating any subsequent funding, including visits for discussion with the PSEB are not reimbursable.
- f. Each bidding firm must provide an undertaking that it has not been blacklisted by any other firm/company/organization or Government department(s) in the past.
- g. Each bidding firm must also provide details of any commercial litigation that it is currently involved in or has been involved in during the last five years.

1.2 Technical Proposals

Technical Proposals shall be in compliance with the requirements laid down in the RFP. The technical proposals shall include the following:

- a. A covering letter from the head of the applicant firm or his authorized representative.
- b. Table of Contents with page numbers
- c. Profile of the applicant firm including outline of work experience with focus on similar assignments, name of major clients & details of similar assignments etc.
- d. Details of Core Assignment Team (including the project lead, domain experts, field supervisor(s), analysts, etc.) clearly identifying the role of each core team member. Resumes of the core assignment team are to be provided. Each resume must not be more than three A4 pages (single spaced, font size 12). The resumes must contain details of educational qualifications, professional experience, nationality, experience of relevant assignments and nature of association of the team member with the applicant firm (full time, part time, etc.), and percentage of time committed to the project.

Note: Please do not provide resumes of the firm’s partners or directors, etc. Only provide resumes of core team associated with the assignment.

- e. Details of past consulting assignments of ISO27001.
- f. Proposed consulting methodology with duration.
- g. International firms must also provide details of their local arrangements/partnerships that will be utilized for completing the assignment.
- h. Consulting Work Plan must be submitted.
- i. Contact list must be submitted.

1.3 Submission

- a. Each proposal shall be submitted as two printed copies (one marked as ORIGINAL, the other as COPY).
- b. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked.
- c. Technical and financial proposals must be sealed separately.
- d. Financial proposal must be accompanied by a bid security (refundable) @2% of the bid value in the form of a Pay Order/Demand Draft in favor of “PSEB” (cheques will not be accepted).
- e. Financial proposal must indicate consulting price per company as per the following format, however, 2% bid money be submitted against any of the following category for which the bidder is interested to apply;

Consultancy cost for Small companies (10 – 20 employees)	Consultancy cost for Medium companies (21 – 50 employees)	Consultancy cost for Large companies (51 or more)



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f. Technical Proposals shall be opened after half an hour upon its receipt on cut-off date in the presence of all bidders who choose to be present.

g. The technical proposals will be evaluated on the basis of Evaluation Criteria given below.

1.4 Evaluation Criteria

Procurement committee appointed by PSEB will evaluate the technical proposals on the basis of their compliance with RFP and by applying the evaluation criteria and the point system as specified below. A technical proposal shall be rejected at this stage if it fails to achieve the minimum score indicated in table below:

No	Requirement	Marks
a	Applicant Company must have 3 years of consultancy business of ISO27001	Mandatory
b	Applicant company's lead consultants must have 16 years of education and have at least 10 years of consulting experience	Mandatory
b	Applicant company must have provided ISO27001 consultancy to at least 20 plus companies and marks will be allocated against verified clients and documents only.	50
c	Applicant Company must have at least 2-3 Lead Auditors in the consulting panel and marks will be allocated after verification of their documents and experience.	50
Total points		100
Minimum qualification score (70%)		70

Total score = 50% x technical score + 50% x lowest bid/bidder's bid

7 Documents Required

(These documents are mandatory and will have a strong impact on the selection)

- Certificate of Incorporation / proof of establishment with detailed company profile
- Proof of partnership (In case of foreign partner)
- List of nominated lead consultants and team members
- Detail of the LOCAL Partner's shareholding (issued by SECP). Provide the copies of CNICs of the Pakistani shareholders. Also provide details about the Nationalities of foreign shareholders.
- Details of ISO27001 consultancy assignments. Please provide the evidence of the assignment (copy of contract/work order/client satisfaction letter/job completion certificate etc.). Also provide the contact details of the relevant individuals for independent PSEB verification.
- CVs of nominated consultants and the team members along-with their copies of last degree.

8 Undertaking

(This must be provided on a Rs.100.00 stamp paper as an affidavit)



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I/We declare that the information provided in the “Expression of Interest” is accurate and can be proved whenever required. I/We further declare that if in case the information provided by me/us in this Expression of Interest” proved to be incorrect at any point, PSEB reserves the right to take any action deemed feasible by the PSEB authorities against me/us. I/We further declare that our company (***** Company Name here *****) is not black listed by any division, department or organisation of Government of Pakistan.

All proposals must reach the office of the undersigned before the time as mentioned in the advertisement.

9 Contact Information

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