



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

(Invitation for Pre-qualification of Consulting Firms)



Higher Education Commission, Pakistan

HIRING OF CONSULTING FIRM FOR INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY REVIEW OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION AND HEC-FUNDED HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) invites applications from eligible national and international consulting firms, including joint ventures (JVs), for prequalification to undertake the *Independent Third-Party Review of the Higher Education Commission and HEC-Funded Higher Education Institutions*. The prequalification process will be followed by the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to the shortlisted/prequalified applicants. The purpose of this EOI is to identify consulting firms possessing the requisite qualifications and experience to undertake the assignment. Interested applicants are advised to review the Prequalification Documents for detailed information regarding the scope of work, eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria before submitting their applications.

Only those applicants who meet the prescribed prequalification requirements will be invited to participate in the subsequent RFP process. Prequalification shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements set out in the Prequalification Documents and applicable procurement rules.

Interested applicants may access the Prequalification Documents and obtain further information through the Electronic Pakistan Acquisition and Disposal System (EPADS v2.0) at: <https://epads.gov.pk/opportunities/federal/procurements/164583>

Applications, prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in the Prequalification Documents, must be submitted electronically through EPADS v2.0 no later than **Tuesday, 17 November 2026, at 11:30 AM (PST)**. Applications will be opened electronically on the same day at **12:00 PM (PST)**. Manual submissions shall not be accepted. Applicants who have not registered on EPADS v2.0 may register at <https://vendors.epads.gov.pk/>. A tutorial on the registration process is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNW6T38v7tc>.

A pre-application meeting will be held on **Monday, 2 November 2026, at 11:00 AM (PST)** at the Central Procurement Cell, Higher Education Commission, Sector H-9, Islamabad. The deadline for submission of requests for clarification is **Thursday, 12 November 2026**.

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