

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRMS SELECTION)**

Mongolia

Strengthening Transparency of Extractives Industry through EITI

Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.: TF0B8169

Assignment Title: Design of a BO reporting online system

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): CS-C-1.3.1

The EITI Mongolia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the "Strengthening Transparency of Extractives Industry through EITI", and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services include the following activities related to the disclosure of the information of the Beneficial Owner in accordance with the international EITI standards:

- Develop the API which is connecting the E-Reporting system with the Open Data system of the General Authority for State Registration.
- Develop a user interface that makes beneficial ownership information publicly available, filterable by available fields, and reportable.

The estimated implementation period is 3 (three) months and the expected start date of the Contract work is September 2023.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the primary procurement stage for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest (Annex I).

The Mongolia EITI Secretariat as PIU invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The procurement method shall be performed under the Consultant's Qualifications Selection (CQS) method of World Bank Procurement Regulations (WBPR).

The assignment is as per paragraph 7.2 of the WBPR shall be evaluated by core business and years in business, relevant experience, and technical and management capability of the firm (General requirements for consulting firms in TOR). Key personnel is not evaluated. Eligibility and conflict of interest issues shall be evaluated (WBPR: 3.21-23 Eligibility).

The assessment of a firm's qualifications shall not take into consideration the qualifications of other firms such as its subsidiaries, parent entities, affiliates, subcontractors (other than specialized subcontractors if permitted in the request for bids/request for proposals document), or any other firm different from the firm that submitted the Bid/Proposal (WBPR-6.27).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the WBPR ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant shall not submit more than one Proposal, either individually or as a joint venture partner in another Proposal. If a Consultant, including a joint venture partner, submits or participates in more than one Proposal, all such Proposals shall be disqualified (WBPR-3.20).

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Framework Agreement arrangements described in the Procurement Regulations and to be specifically set out in the Request for Proposals.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 17:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by Friday, August 10, 2023, 17:00 PM UBT.

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ANNEX I. TERMS OF REFERENCE

CONSULTING SERVICES FOR “DESIGN OF A BO REPORTING ONLINE SYSTEM” (CS-C-1.3-1)

1. Objectives

1.1 Background

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is a global coalition of governments, companies, and civil society working together to improve openness and accountable management of revenues from natural resources. To increase transparency and accountability in the extractive industry, the former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair announced the EITI at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, RSA in 2002. There are 56 resource-rich countries that have committed to implementing EITI. For more information, please click here to visit www.EITI.org.

What is E-Reporting system:

The Mongolia EITI's web-based E-Reporting system was launched in 2015 funded by EBRD and implemented by Adam Smith International in partnership with Interactive LLC, and around 30 kinds of information were reported by companies and government entities in this system every year since then. In accordance with the international EITI standard, system maintenance related to template form changes was developed in 2020, and upgrades related to server-based software renewal were developed in 2021 with state budget funds. In 2022, the development project is in progress to upgrade the E-Reporting system with funding from the World Bank.

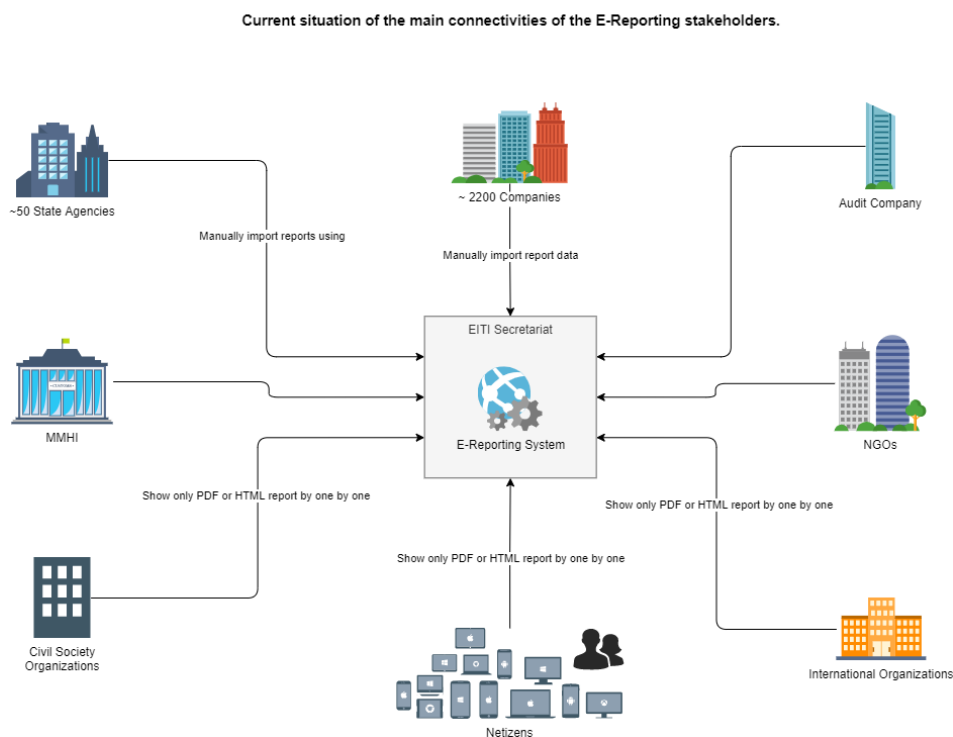


Figure 1. Upgrading plan structure

1.2 Objectives

Mongolia EITI Secretariat is planned to perform the following activities related to the disclosure of the information of the Beneficial Owner in accordance with the international EITI standards:

- Develop the API which is connecting the E-Reporting system with the Open Data system of the General Authority for State Registration.
- Develop a user interface that makes beneficial ownership information publicly available, filterable by available fields, and reportable.

2. Scope of work

The main scope of service is to develop web-based API service that connects EITI E-Reporting system and the General Authority for State Registration /GASR/. The consultant firm will design the detailed UI/UX and API functionality.

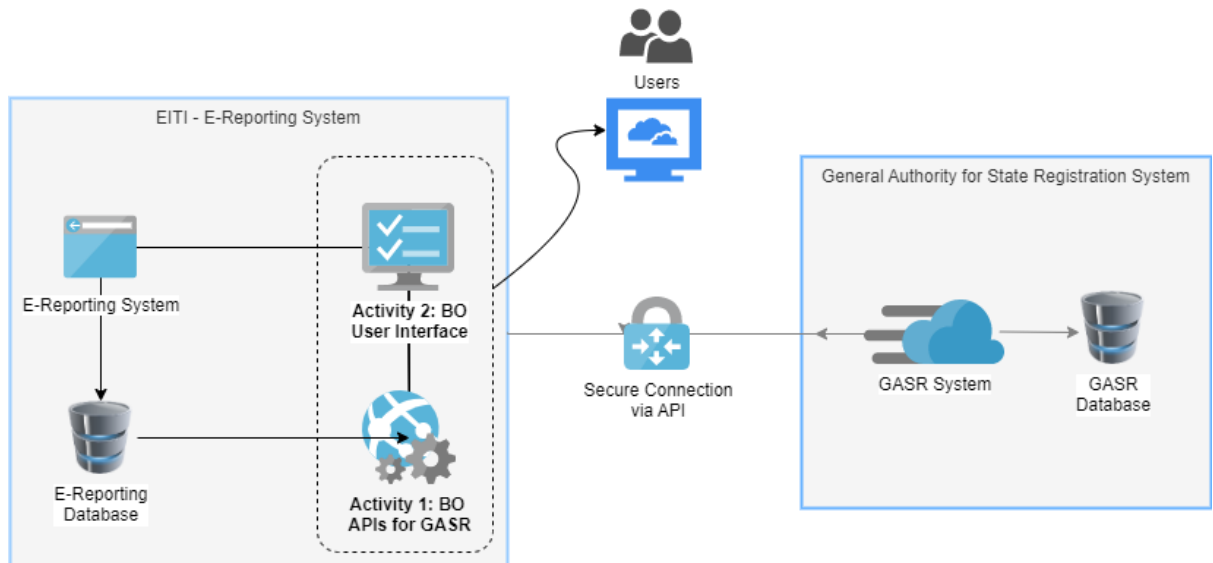


Figure 2. Upgrading plan structure

2.1 Tasks

2.1.1 Develop web-based API

- Communicate with the development company which performs core development of E-Reporting and GASR to design necessary documentations /API documentation and Sequence diagram/ of the API.
- Prepare the API document and Sequence diagrams.
- Perform the core development according to the project documents.

/Activity 2 in Figure 2/

2.1.2 Develop a user interface

Develop a web-based user interface that makes beneficial ownership information publicly available, filterable by available fields, and reportable. Companies that are belonging to the extractive industry can access and easy to report their beneficial ownership information. */Activity 1 in Figure 2/*

3. Deliverables and Reporting

3.1 Deliverables

The consulting company would perform the following deliverables within 3 months of signing the contract:

3.1.1 Software development and implementation

Develop software in accordance with the requirements of the Tasks defined in 2.1 section. Perform the implementation.

3.1.2 Documentations

Web Services documentation and Sequence diagrams of the APIs.

3.1.3 The source codes

Source code updates will be submitted to the EITI Secretariat after the implementation.

3.2 Reporting

3.2.1 Inception report

Within 14 days from the signing of the contract, a system analysis design and a detailed development plan will be prepared and presented to the EITI Secretariat.

3.2.2 Progress or Interim Report

The consultant will report the progress report every month to the EITI Secretariat. The interim report will be presented to the EITI Secretariat 1.5 months after the signing of the contract. When presenting the interim report, the development of task 2.1.1 must be completed and confirmed by the EITI Secretariat.

3.2.3 Final report

The final report will be presented at the EITI Working Group meeting after the software launch.

When presenting the final report, the development of task 2.1.2 must be completed and confirmed by the EITI Secretariat.

4. Duration and Estimate of Services

The estimated implementation period is 3 (three) months and the expected start date of the Contract work is September 2023.

Stage	Due Date	Payments (% total)
Upon signing of contract. Detailed work plan agreed with the EITI Secretariat for the design and initial implementation stages.	-	30%
After the mid-term report and its acceptance	Two months after the contract signing	30%
The implementation of the project with the acceptance of the final report.	Three months after the contract signing	40%

5. General requirements

- No tax debt. This will be confirmed by the General Department of Taxation.
- No Social Security debt. Confirmed by the General Department of Social Insurance.
- The consultant has not breached contractual obligations while participating in the procurement process. This is confirmed by the definition of the General Department for the Execution of Court Decisions.

Consultant proposals that do not meet the general requirements will be excluded from evaluation.

6. Evaluation criteria and points:

1. Successful implementation of websites with graphs, dashboards, data tables, web-based (backend) software implementation (currently implemented) during the last five years. A copy of the project implementation contract and a deed of contract shall be confirmed. /Total 70 points/
 - Number of websites and web-based software developed and implemented 10 or more: 70 points.
 - Number of websites and web-based software developed and implemented 7-9: 49-63 points.
 - Number of websites and web-based software developed and implemented 4-6: 28-42 points.
 - Number of websites and web-based software developed and implemented 1-3: 7-21 points.
 - Number of websites and web-based software developed and implemented 0: 0 points.
2. General experience of the consultant. Number of years of active activity in the field of software development. /Total 20 points/
 - Number of years of active activity 5 or more: 20 points.
 - Number of years of active activity 4: 16 points.
 - Number of years of active activity 3: 12 points.
 - Number of years of active activity 2: 8 points.
 - Number of years of active operation 1 or less: 4 points.
3. Workforce Competence (This does not apply to individual skills and CV assessment) Information applies only to key employees. /Total 10 points/
 - 3.1 Operational management skills. /4 points/
 - The number of employees in the management of basic operations 3 or more: 4 points
 - The number of employees in the management of basic operations 2: 3 points
 - The number of employees in the management of basic operations 1: 2 points
 - The number of employees in the management of basic operations 0: 0 points
 - 3.2 Workforce Competence of Software Engineers. /6 points/
 - Number of software engineers 5 or more: 6 points
 - Number of software engineers 4: 5 points
 - Number of software engineers 3: 4 points
 - Number of software engineers 2: 3 points
 - Number of software engineers 1: 0 points

The minimum score required by a consultant is 80, and any consultant whose score is lower than this will be rejected.