

### Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

# **Ministry of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development**

# **INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

	ASSIGNMENT NUMBER	ASSIGNMENT TITLE
(A)	MI/FIN/32/29/01	Selection of an institution to carry out an Impact Assessment Study to evaluate the benefits accrued to the entrepreneurs by the SMILE III Revolving Loan Scheme (2018-2022).

#### 01. Introduction and Objectives

The "SMILE III Revolving Fund Loan Scheme" commenced in the year 2012 under the Project Management Unit of the Ministry of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development through ten (10) Participating Credit Institutions (PCIs) namely, Bank of Ceylon, People's Bank, Regional Development Bank, Commercial Bank, Hatton National Bank, Seylan Bank, National Development Bank, Sampath Bank, Sanasa Development Bank and DFCC Bank.

This loan scheme offers loan facilities at concessionary interest rates for micro, small and medium scale entrepreneurs for purposes such as starting new businesses, obtaining consultancy services for product development, enhancing of the productivity or production capacity of existing businesses or improving the quality of operations or products.

Through the implementation of this loan scheme, it is anticipated that industries contributing to national development, balanced regional development, creating new business opportunities and generation of employment opportunities will be enhanced by providing capital requirements of micro, small and medium scale entrepreneurs. In this context, the Ministry has decided to conduct an Impact Assessment Study to evaluate the impact made on the micro, small and medium scale enterprises through the loans disbursed during the period from 2018 to 2022. Accordingly, the Ministry intends to invite EOI from eligible Institutions to undertake this Study.

#### 02. Procedure for Selecting a Consultancy Firm

The consultancy institution will be selected in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Government Procurement Guidelines for the Selection and Employment of Consultants, following the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method. (The Guidelines are accessible at: www.treasury.gov.lk/web/procurement-guidelines-and-manuals).The assignment will be funded by the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL).

### 03. Procedure for Submitting EOI

Institutions that meet the required criteria and possess the capacity to deliver the above service are invited to submit their EOI including comprehensive details such as staff qualifications, the institution's profile, relevant experience in conducting similar assignments and expertise in the field. Submissions should be sent either by registered post or hand delivered to the address below on or before 22/07/2025. The envelope containing the EOI must be clearly marked at the top left side corner as "Expression of Interest to Study the Impact of SMILE III RF Loan scheme".

The Terms of Reference (TOR) related to the study can be obtained either by visiting the Procurement Division of the Ministry of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development between 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on weekdays, or by accessing the website <u>www.industry.gov.lk</u>.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the following Telephone number.

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