World Bank financed

Assam Agribusiness & Rural Transformation Project (APART)

Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services (ARIAS) Society

(An Autonomous Body of the Government of Assam)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

For hiring the Consultancy Services of a Corporate Law Firm as Legal Counsel for An Agribusiness Investment Fund under the World Bank financed Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (APART)

REOI No. ARIAS/APART/539/2018/39

Dated Guwahati the 6th March, 2019

The Government of Assam (GoA) through the Government of India has received a loan from the World Bank (WB) for implementation of the Assam Agribusiness & Rural Transformation Project (APART). The ARIAS Society now intends to apply a portion of the loan for hiring Consultancy Services of a Corporate Law Firm as Legal Counsel for an Agribusiness Investment Fund under the World Bank Financed APART. The Law firm must have in-depth knowledge of Corporate Law, Banking Law, Investment Banking, Development Economics & Management for participating in the aforesaid assignment. Further details may be seen in the detailed REOI and the related *draft indicative* Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment at the url- http://www.arias.in/procurements.html. The Law firm would be selected in accordance with the World Bank's 'Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016 (as updated)', available *at www.worldbank.org*. Interested Law Firms may submit their Expressions of Interest (EOI) in English Ianguage to the following address on or before **30th March**, **2019** in hard copy as well as a soft copy in CD/DVD/Pen-drive. Further information may be obtained at the address given below from 11.00 am to 04.00 pm (IST) on all working days.

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