**Calling Applications to provide expert services for accreditation of the Disease Diagnosis Laboratory - Inland Aquatic Resources & Aquaculture Division (IARAD).**

**National Aquatic Resources Research & Development Agency (NARA)**
**Date: 13.08.2025**

**1. Introduction**

NARA is calling application from qualified consultants to provide expert services for preparing and supporting accreditation of the Disease Diagnosis Laboratory under the Inland Aquatic Resources & Aquaculture Division (IARAD).

**2. Background**

Aquatic animal disease diagnosis and fish health management are essential for productivity in Sri Lanka’s aquaculture sector. The Inland Aquatic Resources and Aquaculture Division (IARAD) of NARA plays a pivotal role in enhancing aquatic animal health management through disease diagnosis, surveillance, recommending treatments and research in aquaculture. Establishing internationally accredited disease diagnostic capacity within NARA is a priority to ensure quality services and regulatory compliance. Thus, to strengthen its scientific credibility and ensure the reliability and international recognition of diagnostic services, IARAD seeks to implement a Quality Management System (QMS) for its Disease Diagnosis Laboratory. This initiative aims to comply with the ISO 17025:2017 standard in compliance with the ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standard, which specifies the general requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories to achieve accreditation.

**3. Objectives**

* Conduct a gap‑analysis aligned with relevant accreditation standards (e.g. ISO/IEC 17025).
* Advise on improvements to laboratory systems, quality assurance, documentation, personnel training, equipment and biosafety.
* Assist in procedural documentation and mock assessments.
* Provide guidance through the formal accreditation process with recognized accrediting bodies.

**4. Scope of Services**

* Conduct initial gap analysis comparing existing practices with ISO 17025:2017 requirements
* Develop a detailed implementation plan and timeline
* Draft and finalize documentation (Quality Manual, SOPs, Test Methods, and Records).
* Design and deliver training for laboratory personnel and mentorship of staff on quality management systems.
* Assist in the establishment of a quality policy, quality objectives, and risk-based thinking.
* Support method validation/verification
* Guide internal audit execution and management review procedures
* Prepare laboratory for third-party accreditation by SLAB

**5. Consultant Profile**

* Proven experience in laboratory accreditation (preferably ISO/IEC 17025) in diagnostic labs.
* Excellent English communication and report writing skills.

**6. Submission Requirements**

Interested consultants/firms should submit:

* CV(s) indicating relevant experience.
* Summary of similar accreditation assignments.
* Approach and work plan outline.
* Financial proposal (estimated daily/ activity wise rates).

**7. Submission Deadline**

Sealed applications must be send to Chairman, National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA), Crow Island, Colombo 15, **on or before 28.08.2025.**

**8. Contact Information**

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