REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

**Republic of Tajikistan**

**Water Supply and Sanitation Investment Project (Phase 1)**

**Grant No.: E 0950-TJ**

**Assignment Title: Consulting Services for Construction Supervision of Water Supply Systems in Balkhi and Dusti districts of Khatlon region**

**Reference No. WSIP-CS-PMU/001**

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan *has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Water Supply and Sanitation Investment Project (Phase 1), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

The scope of Services is structure along four phases (pre-construction and mobilization, construction, commissioning and defects liability) and broadly consists of:

1. Developing construction supervision manual and setting up enabling systems for construction supervision and contract management (including document management);
2. Reviewing existing design documents and providing knowledge and skills transfer to sector professionals in contract management, environmental and social compliance, HS, and other aspects of construction supervision and contract management;
3. Assisting in the planned procurement activities for construction works packages described in the ToRs and adhering to relevant guideline and standards;
4. Assisting the Employer in undertaking all preparations for commencement of works;
5. Representing the Employer on site and supervising the entire construction process, including ensuring effective interface management between various construction contracts and supervision of contractors’ environmental and social performance;
6. Continuing to oversee operation of the scheme to ensure it is fully optimized and functioning to the satisfaction of the Employer;
7. Providing regular, timely updates to the Employer on the Project progress and any emerging issues.

The estimated level of effort (professional staff-months) is 107 person-months for key staff.

The implementation period is 36 months.

The expected start date of assignment is January 06, 2025.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest and can be found at the following link:[*https://disk.yandex.ru/i/WqhmSjNLtynY0Q*](https://disk.yandex.ru/i/WqhmSjNLtynY0Q)

The Project Management Unit for Municipal (communal) Infrastructure Development Projects in Tajikistan now 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 shortlisting criteria are:

1. The Consultant should be registered legal entity. General experience of not less than 10 years in providing construction supervision and contract management (including for Environmental and Social aspects) for a large infrastructure/works with a total combined value under supervision of at least US$30 million funded by Multilateral Development Banks such as World Bank, ADB, IsDB, etc.

2. Specific experience as the lead Construction Supervision Consultant or equivalent in projects expanding water supply schemes to rural communities during the last 10 years. The consultant shall indicate to indicate all the contracts of similar nature executed during the last 10 years indicating the scale, duration and years of performance.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 2016 revised in September 2023 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment: a firm that has been engaged by the Borrower to provide Consulting Services for the preparation or implementation of a project (or an affiliate that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that Consulting firm), shall be disqualified from subsequently providing Goods, Works, or Non-consulting Services resulting from, or directly related to those Consulting Services. This provision does not apply to the various firms (Consultants, contractors, or suppliers), which together are performing the contractor's obligations under a turnkey or design and build contract.

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 Quality-And-Cost Based Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

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

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by September 27, 2024 at 17:00hr (Dushanbe time).

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