**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

**Republic of Tajikistan**

**Financial and Private Sector Development Project (TFPSDP)**

**Grant No.:** E2040-TJ

**Assignment Title:** Technical Assistance to Implement the Supplier and Export Development

Program (SEDP)

**Reference No**. (As per Procurement Plan): MOF/FPSDP/CS/QCBS/2025-01/1

The Republic of Tajikistan has received financing from the World Bank of the Financial and Private Sector Development Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

* Preparation of the Supplier and Export Development Program (SEDP)
* Implementation of the SEDP
* Grant Administration
* Technical Assistance to National Certification/Accreditation Agencies.

The expected duration of the assignment is three years.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GkOvE51TW65B9dP-xQfOsHDqnbvrbl4k/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=103175732862662845958&rtpof=true&sd=true>

The State Institution “Project Implementation Unit for Access to Green and Rural Development Finance” under the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Tajikistan (PIU MoF) an implementing agency for the Financial and Private Sector Development Project, 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. Proven experience in performing at least two similar assignments within the last five (5) years prior to EOI submission deadline, each with a value of at least 1,200,000 USD that have been successfully and substantially completed and that are similar in nature and complexity to the Related Services under the Contract. For a joint venture, this requirement may be met by all members combined.
2. General expertise of at least seven (7) years in developing feasibility studies, conducting firm-level business assessments, and delivering consultancy services within supplier linkage and value chain development programs;
3. The availability of skills in applying international best practices and modern textile technologies in the agricultural, tourism, and industrial sectors. Experience in implementing related programs and projects in Tajikistan and/or the Central Asia region is considered a strong asset.

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” Sixth Edition, February 2025, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

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 (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 08:00 until 17:00 (Dushanbe 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 **May 12, 2025, 17:00** (Dushanbe time)

Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Tajikistan

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