**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

**Country:** Republic of Tajikistan

**Project Name**: Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project (RWSSP)

**Grant No.:** D4310-TJ

**Assignment Title:** Consulting Services for Corporate Support to Water Utilities for Performance Improvement

**Reference No**. (as per Procurement Plan): RWSSP - CS / CDP-1

The Republic of Tajikistan has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services are requested to provide Consulting Services for Corporate Support to Water Utilities for Performance Improvement.

The objective of this consultancy is to provide required technical assistance to the target utilities in effectively operating and maintaining water supply and sanitation systems constructed under the project, through assets management, operational, billing, financial management, customer registration, and tariff modeling and setting improvements.

Anticipated date for commencement of the Services is July 2025 and the tentative duration of the assignment for the Services is 14 months

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

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11FKeSZQldq6rSkEKATu7-OgKXq09BgWN/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106197083653265275359&rtpof=true&sd=true>

or

can be obtained at the address given at the end of this REoI.

The Municipal Infrastructure development Project Management Unit (MIDPMU) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants shall provide a comprehensive profile, including its history, mission, and core values and the following information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

1. A minimum of 7 years of experience in providing consultancy services in the fields of financial management, asset valuation, and performance improvement and capacity building for public utilities or service providers.
2. At least two successfully completed contracts in each of the following areas in the past seven years:
3. Asset valuation and asset management planning, including GIS-based asset inventory, valuation, and financial reporting integration.
4. Financial management and reporting for water utilities, including the development of financial statements, budgeting frameworks, and automation of accounting systems (such as 1C or equivalent).
5. The Consultant shall submit a detailed organogram (organizational chart) that clearly outlines the structure of the organization to demonstrate managerial and organizational capabilities to carry out the assignment. (The consultant shall provide the Copy of the Certificate of Incorporation issued by relevant authority in country of establishment).

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, revised in September 2023 (Procurement Regulations) setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but shall indicate clearly in the Expression of Interest 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 Consultant’s Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

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

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by ***June 3rd, 2025 till 17:00 Dushanbe time.***

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