

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

Republic of Tajikistan

Nurek Hydropower Rehabilitation Project (Phases 1 and 2)

OJSC "Barqi Tojik"

Contract reference: TJ NHPP CS 03-2026-2028

Consulting Services: Audit of OJSC "Barqi Tojik", Nurek Hydropower Rehabilitation Project, Program for the Recovery of the Electricity Sector in Tajikistan, and other verification services.

Open Joint Stock Company "Barqi Tojik" owned by the state, is a vertically integrated power utility operating under the direct control of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan. The company is responsible for the generation, of heat and electricity in the Republic of Tajikistan as well the export of the electricity to the abroad. In accordance with the restructuring program of OJSC "Barqi Tojik", adopted by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, two new open joint-stock companies were created on the basis of OJSC "Barqi Tojik":

- OJSC "Shabakahoi intikoli bark" (SIB), responsible for the transmission of produced and purchased electricity;
- OJSC "Shabakahoi taksimoti bark" (STB), responsible for the distribution of electricity to final recipients in the domestic market and collection of payments for it;

which started their independent activities from the beginning of 2022 as per Government Decree No. 108 (dated March 1, 2022) on modifications to Government Decree No. 234, dated April 28, 2018. At the moment, the boundaries of responsibility have been established between the OJSC "Barqi Tojik", the SIB and STB, the division of the balance sheet (assets, liabilities, capital) has been completed and interactions between them are carried out on the basis of signed agreements. This consulting assignment will only be cover the audit of OJSC "Barqi Tojik", and will not include SIB and STB.

The detailed ToR can be found at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YfMtygfUJDv01gLLecyW7Nf9ymKNM8TJ?usp=sharing>

The OJSC "Barqi Tajik" 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.

- Specific experience of at least three similar assignments (including in the audit of public utilities);
- Experience in conducting assessment in independent verification of Disbursement Linked Result's (DLR's) under World Bank financed program for results projects or other performance based projects.

This REOI has been addressed to the network of Big four audit firms (namely: Deloitte & Touche, Ernst & Young, KPMG, or PricewaterhouseCoopers) as required by the Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 477 dated September 16, 2025 "On the order of priority for the use of funds received into accounts of OJSC "Barqi Tojik"

Consulting company will be selected in accordance with the **Least Cost Selection (LCS)** procedures set out in the Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers Seventh Edition September 2025 ("Procurement Regulations"), which can be found at the following website:

<https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/c84273d1b230aeb2b0b8134de5dc8cd7-0290012025/original/Procurement-Regulations-7th-Edition-Sep-2025.pdf>

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs Section III. Paragraphs 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest and eligibility. Consultants may associate with other consulting firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. All the members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire assignment.

Consultants may submit their EoI as an individual firm or in association in the form of a sub consultancy. However, the experience of sub-consultant will not be considered while short-listing.

Further information can be obtained via e-mail given below.

Expressions of interest must be prepared in English language and delivered in their soft form to the email address below, or by fax **by 14:00 of Dushanbe local time on July 10, 2026.**

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