

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

GEORGIA

Second Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development Project (SRMIDP)– (P147521)

**Assignment Title: International Consulting Services for
Technical Assistance in the Wastewater Sector for United Water Supply Company of Georgia Reference
No. SRMIDP/C/CQS/05-2019**

Georgia has received for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Second Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development Project (SRMIDP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The water and wastewater sector in Georgia is in transition with institutional mechanisms being established and/or consolidated and professional capacities increased over time. Indeed, gaps remain in drinking water supply and wastewater service coverage and levels to consistently secure the basic needs and public health of the general population (and safeguard the natural environment) in urban as well as rural areas. Therefore, to achieve real improvements in community water supply and wastewater services, the Government of Georgia is joining with various IFIs, regarding the financing and sustainable realization of needed community infrastructure, as well as the related institutional capacities.

The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF) is the implementing agency for the Sustainable Wastewater Management Project (SWMP) and the Second Regional and Municipal Development Project (SRMIDP). Under the SWMP is supporting the construction of two Waste Water Treatment Plants in Telavi and Tskaltubo, while SRMIDP offer improvements in a wide range of municipal assets.

The main objective of this assignment is to support UWSCG, the final beneficiary and operator of the plants with operation of the 2 facilities and to increase UWSCG staff capacity and competence to better manage and operate systems for treatment of wastewater. Specific emphasis shall be made to define cost saving and revenue generation techniques due to efficient use of assets and technology during the full, four seasonal climatic variations.

The consulting services includes the following activities:

The Consultant shall support UWSCG headquarters and respective service centers to complete the activities listed below. For each activity listed below, the Consultant shall conduct minimum ½ day workshop for UWSCG headquarters and Service Centers to present the draft findings/recommendations and gain approval thereof and prepare the written minutes.

Activity 1: Inception Phase - At the end of the inception period, the Consultant shall furnish an Inception Report detailing the items of the verified methodology, coordination with project entities, logistics and schedule to complete the consultant's assignment (consistent with the consultant's proposal), with a focus on the Work Plan.

Activity 2: Asset Management.

Activity 3: Collection Network Operations & Maintenance.

Activity 4: Wastewater Treatment Plants Operations & Maintenance.

The estimated level of effort for these Consulting Services is estimated to be in the range of USD 130,000.00. The tentative duration of assignment is 14 months after contract signature.

The Terms of Reference of the assignment is available as annex.

The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia 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:

- Similar experience including consulting services for **management of wastewater treatment plants** within the last ten years (i.e. since January 2009).

Note: the MDF reserves its right to verify submitted references and use obtained information for evaluation purposes.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers - January 2011, revised July, 2014*. ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms. (Please take into account that form of association acceptable for the World Bank is either sub-consultancy or Joint-Venture and submission must clearly indicate the nature of the association. The experience of sub-consultants will not be taken into account while evaluating the corporate experience of the consultant).

Experience in the projects relevant to the assignment should be submitted in the Form N1 uploaded at MDF website on the following link: <http://mdf.org.ge/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Form-for-References.pdf>

The consultants are strongly recommended to limit their Expression of Interest to 30 pages. Company brochures may be included as an Annex, and will not be affected by the limit of 30 pages.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on the Consultants' Qualification (CQS) method set out in Section III of the *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers - January 2011, revised July, 2014*.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 09:00 a.m. to 18:00 p.m. at Procurement Unit of MDF, Phone number: +99532 2437001, extension 414, Ms. Eto Kvirikashvili, Procurement Specialist.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in English in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **August 27, 2019, at 17:00**.

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