

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

**GEORGIA
Third Regional Development Project (RDP III) – P150696
Loan No. 8494-GE**

Assignment Title: Procurement Consultant for Regional Development Project III (RDP III)

Reference No. IBRD/RDP/III/CS/IC/01-2016

Georgia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Third Regional Development Project (RDP III). The Project focuses on Samtskhe-Javakheti region in the south and Mtskheta-Mtianeti, an economically growing region close to the capital. The Project aims at supporting the local economy in the regions by carrying out an integrated approach to tourism development, focusing on infrastructure, urban regeneration, cultural heritage restoration, skills development and enabling the environment to attract private sector investments.

Infrastructure investment component of RDP III includes urban regeneration of old towns and villages, including restoration of building facades, public spaces, museums, roads and water, and enhancement of cultural and natural heritage sites, including access and presentation. Several subprojects are defined to be implemented in Samtskhe-Javakheti and Mtskheta-Mtianeti regions under the RDP III.

Overall management and coordination of implementation and supervision of Project will be executed by the Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF).

The main objective of the assignment is to support the MDF in carrying out procurement activities under RDP III, as well as other World Bank-financed projects – RDP, RDPII, SRMIDP and SWMP. In order to achieve this objective, the consultant shall:

- Perform a variety of procurement activities including bid preparation, announcement, evaluation, contracting;
- Ensure procurement filing accurately and in a timely manner;
- Participate in updating the Procurement Plans;
- Register and updated procurement information in the MDF's MIS (Monitoring Information System);
- Assist in contract administration, including inter alia: monitoring contract dates, guarantees, insurance policies, deliverables, etc.
- Assist audit processes, review findings and implementing changes;
- Performing other related tasks as required.

The duration of the assignment is 12 months. It may be extended upon mutual agreement. This is a full-time assignment.

The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia now invites eligible individual consultants ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. The selection criteria are:

- Professional Experience: At least 5 years of experience in World Bank-financed Procurement.
- Thorough working knowledge of World Bank Procurement Guidelines and procedures relating to procurement of civil works, goods, consulting and non-consulting services.

- Working knowledge of World Bank procurement documentation i.e. standard and sample bidding documents on ICB, NCB, Shopping for goods and works.
- Working experience in bid evaluation, specially relating to municipal works.
- Working experience in Consultant Selection under Bank-financed TA and consultants, and training; preparation of budgets, short lists of consulting firms, Requests for Consultant proposals, evaluation of proposals; and negotiations terms of consultant contracts.
- Working knowledge of English and Georgian languages is mandatory.

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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant (IC) method set out in Section V 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 10:00 to 17:00 at Procurement Unit of MDF.

Interest expression with CV shall be submitted at the address provided below not later than May 17, 2016, 17:30 local time.

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