

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

**GEORGIA
Second Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development Project (SRMIDP) –
P147521
Loan No. 8380-GE**

Local Consultant for Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of Georgian Local Self-Governments

Reference No. SRMIDP/C/IC/04-2016

Georgia has received Credit from the World Bank (WB) and Grant from Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) in order to support decentralization and Local Self-government (LSG) reforms. The Second Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development Project will support such a decentralization agenda in line with overall Government reform strategy through financing both infrastructure investment priorities and institutional development to build effective LSG system. It is intended to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services – “Local Consultant for Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of Georgian Local Self-Governments”.

The Project will contribute to the decentralization agenda of the GoG by strengthening public service delivery at the local level. It will contribute to the capital investment needs in the municipal sector, ensuring that the poorest are targeted, more people are benefiting and the impact is greater.

The Project Development Objective is to:

- a) Improve the efficiency and reliability of selected municipal services infrastructure;
- b) Contribute to the establishment of an effective local self-government system.

The objective of Local Consultant assignment is to assist MDF in the process of managing of the above-mentioned TA activities. Namely, the Local Consultant is supposed to work closely with Georgian LSGs and the three service providers (to be recruited) that will be in charge of implementing the three main action lines: (a) Spatial Planning and Asset Management; (b) Infrastructure Project Cycle Management; and (c) Fiscal Discipline and Accounting under the guidance of an International Adviser, stationed in and operating from within the MDF. The Local Consultant’s task is to facilitate the dialogue between the three service providers and the LSGs and act as a liaison between them. The Local Consultant should identify the expectations of LSGs, observe the quality of the services provided to the LSGs by the three service providers, report the MDF regarding the weaknesses observed, provide suggestions to the MDF as well as to the three service providers how to maximize the efficiency of the services delivered to the LSGs and how to meet the expectations of the LSGs.

Tentative duration of assignment is 1 year. The Local Consultant will be employed for 80 working days (considering at least 60 field-based working days in various Municipalities) for a 12 month contract.

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

- Academic Background - minimum of Bachelor’s degree in public administration or similar field (max. 30 points);
- Relevant Specific Experience - at least 7 years of working experience in the fields of public

administration, with specific specialization on Georgian Local Self Governments; experience in public finance management, capital investment planning, municipal finance and accounting and municipal asset management (max. 60 points);

- Language skills – knowledge of Georgian, English and Russian languages is mandatory (max. 10 points)

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 a.m. to 17:00 p.m. at Procurement Unit of MDF, Phone number: +99532 2437001, extension 405, Ms. Lela Shanidze, Procurement Specialist.

Interest expression with CV shall be submitted at the address provided below not later than 17:00 p.m. of May 30, 2016.

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