

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

GEORGIA

Third Regional Development Project (RDP III) – P150696

Loan No. 8494-GE

Assignment Title: Preparation of Resettlement Action Plan / Abbreviated Resettlement Action Plan for Urban Regeneration of historical streets in Dusheti (infrastructure rehabilitation, street lights and restoration of houses' facades and roofs); Urban regeneration of Abastumani (including restoration of wooden houses) and Arrange of tourism infrastructure at Ananuri castle Sub-Projects

Reference No. IBRD/RDP/III/CS/CQS/13-2016

The Government of Georgia has asked the World Bank to support financing of the Third Regional Development Project (RDP III) in Samtskhe-Javakheti and Mtskheta-Mtianeti regions. The proposed program of interventions will emphasize tourism and agriculture as two key pillars and drivers of economic growth. The proposed initial project will focus on support for the tourism sector and enabling the environment for the private sector to invest in the above-mentioned regions. The MDF intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The purpose of the assignment is implementation of the sub-projects: (I) Urban Regeneration of historical streets in Dusheti (infrastructure rehabilitation, street lights and restoration of houses' facades and roofs) (II) Urban regeneration of Abastumani (including restoration of wooden houses) and (III) Arrangement of tourism infrastructure at Ananuri castle are envisaged under the Third Regional Development Project (RDP III)

The objectives of the consultancy are as follows:

This assignment is aimed for developing the Resettlement Action Plan (RAPs) / Abbreviated Resettlement Action Plan (aRAPs) for the Urban Regeneration of historical streets in Dusheti (infrastructure rehabilitation, street lights and restoration of houses' facades and roofs), Urban regeneration of Abastumani (including restoration of wooden houses) and Arrangement of tourism infrastructure at Ananuri castle Sub-Projects. The objective for the RAPs/aRAPs is to set out the policies, principles, institutional arrangements, schedules, indicative budgets, and monitoring mechanism by which resettlement impacts will be addressed, in accordance with the project's Resettlement Policy Framework (attached as Annex to this TOR). The action plans outlined in these RAPs will also ensure that there is a systematic process for the participation of the Project Affected Persons (PAPs), relevant institutions and stakeholders.

The consultant will develop the RAPs/aRAPs taking into consideration the outlined objective and principles. The main goal of the RAPs/aRAPs is to identify the PAPs, strategies for compensation associated with the identified resettlement impacts (temporary or permanent loss of land, housing, assets or livelihoods), lay out the process and institutional responsibilities for addressing and compensating any negative impacts to ensure that assets and livelihoods of affected persons are improved or at minimum restored to their level before project implementation.

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/evidences demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The

shortlisting criteria are:

1. The Consultant shall have an experience for RAP preparation for International Financial Institutions supported projects during last 5 years (2012-2016). The experience of RAP preparation for World Bank Projects will be an asset. Rating shall be made on a combination of the value and the number of the relevant consultancy contracts. Weighted score for evaluation is 50.
2. Consultant shall have the working experience specified in Georgia. Rating shall be made on a combination of the value and the number of the relevant consultancy contracts. Weighted score for evaluation is 50.

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*.

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

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, 444 Mrs. Eka Ezugbaia, Procurement Consultant.

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 **February 10, 2017, at 17:00**.

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