

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING FIRM)**

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

**Preparation of Detailed Engineering Design for rehabilitation of an access road to Zedazeni
Monastery Complex in Mtskheta Municipality**

Reference No: IBRD/RDP/CS/CQS/07-2016

The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia is a legal entity of public law whose purpose is to mobilize financial resources from donors including international and Georgian financial institutions, in order to make them available for investments in local infrastructure and services, while simultaneously helping local self-governments in strengthening their institutional and financial capacity.

MDF implements various regional and municipal development projects, including the Third Regional Development Project (RDP 3) financed by the World Bank Group and the Government of Georgia (GoG). The aim of the RDP 3 is to stimulate economic growth in Mtskheta-Mtianeti and Samtskhe-Javakheti regions through provision of enabling environment for increased tourist visitation and private investment. Arrangement of public tourist infrastructure in the areas adjacent to the cultural heritage monuments is a type of activity supported by RDP 3.

MDF, in the capacity of Employer, seeks **consultant services for the preparation detailed design for the rehabilitation of an access road to Zedazeni Monastery Complex in Mtskheta Municipality**, which is a sub-project (SP) included into the work program of RDP 3.

The tentative duration of the assignment is 75 days.

The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF) as an Implementing Agency now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to express 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. Expression of interest should cover, but not limited to: corporate profile, years in business, experience relevant to the project activities, key staff resources, and core business.

The shortlisting criteria are:

1. The Consultant shall have experience in preparation of road construction/rehabilitation designs in at least two contracts, that has been completed within the last three years and that is similar to the proposed consultant services by physical size, nature of works, complexity, methods and technology. Rating shall be made on a combination of the value and the number of the relevant consultancy contracts. Weighted score for evaluation is 80.
2. Local experience of design preparation. Rating shall be made on a combination of the value and the number of the relevant consultancy/design contracts. Weighted score for evaluation is 20.

Note: the MDF reserves it's 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' Qualifications (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 444, 414 Ms. Eka Ezugbaia, Procurement Consultant.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in English in a written form to the address below (in person, by mail, or by e-mail) by **March 15, 2017, at 17:00**.

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