

**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 Design Documentation for Arrangement of Tourist Infrastructure and
Urgent Restoration Works for Zarzma Monastery
Reference No: IBRD/RDP/CS/CQS/10-2016**

Georgia has received credit from the World Bank toward the cost of the Third Regional Development Project (RDP III) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (hereinafter the employer) 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 programs envisage implementation of various projects including the Third Regional Development Project financed by the World Bank Group and the Georgian Government (GoG).

The Consulting Services under captioned assignment (“the Services”) include the “Preparation of Detailed Design Documentation for Arrangement of Tourist Infrastructure and Urgent Restoration Works for Zarzma Monastery”.

The aim of the project is to promote tourism development in Meskheta and Samtskhe-Javakheti Regions, including the arrangement of tourist infrastructure at the cultural heritage monuments’ adjacent areas. Namely, preparation of Detailed Design Documentation for Arrangement of Tourist Infrastructure and Urgent Restoration Works for Zarzma Monastery.

The tentative duration of the assignment is 140 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. From January 1st, 2012 till the deadline for submission of the expressions of interests, the Consultant shall have experience in preparation of cultural heritage sites restoration/rehabilitation designs in at least two contracts, that has been completed within the last five 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.

The positive recommendation letter from the National Agency of Cultural Heritage Protection (NACHP), or the Center of Architecture, Art and Restoration of the Patriarchate of Georgia will be an asset.

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 414, 444, 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 09, 2017, at 17:00**.

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