

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

GEORGIA

Third Regional Development Project (RDPIII) – P150696

Loan No: 8494-GE

Assignment Title: Detailed Designs, Construction Supervision and Capacity Development for the Sustainable Preservation, Facilities Development and upgrading of Tbilisi National Park and Its Gateway Settlements

Reference No: IBRD/RDPIII/CS/QCBS/06-2018

The Government of Georgia has received financing from the World Bank (WB) toward the cost of the Third Regional Development Project (RDPIII), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) are for: **“Detailed Designs, Construction Supervision and Capacity Development for the Sustainable Preservation, Facilities Development and upgrading of Tbilisi National Park and Its Gateway Settlements”**.

The purpose of this assignment is to receive detailed designs and supervision services, as well as capacity development that shall assist with implementation of selected investments that are strategic in nature and aligned with the overall national park & its gateway communities management objectives of the current Tbilisi National Park (TNP) Management Plan. The latter aims to promote preservation, conservation and public use, hence manage the TNP as a multifunctional spatial unit encompassing the functions of nature conservation, cultural and natural preservation, nature-culture based tourism and recreational destination. The Consultant will further develop the vision by focusing on the project area and aiming to foster its achievement by improving its functional and physical context through providing:

a) Design services to include:

- Elaboration of a development vision and related concept for the integrated preservation, conservation and carefully managed public use of protected area, design of critical park infrastructure/facilities for the Tbilisi National Park and green urban design concept for three priority Gateway Settlements tentatively identified for project support. This would include, without being limited to, (i) considerations for administrative and visitor infrastructure/facilities of the park, signage, improvement of trails and rest areas, etc, and (ii) careful management of human-dominated landscapes through the application of ecological design principles to building sustainable communities and upgrading three key gateway settlements, while at the same time minimizing impact on environmental and cultural assets and supporting effective management of the park and sustainable green economic growth.
- Scoping of a cohesive design for critical park infrastructure/facilities for the Tbilisi National Park and green urban design concept for three priority Gateway Settlements tentatively identified for project support. This will include an integrated investment program for the park and its gateway study area, with identification, prioritization, final siting and broad cost estimates of integrated investment packages to be financed under RDP3 and aimed to the achievement of the agreed development vision and the associated park facilities design and key gateways green urban designs.
- Development of preliminary designs, guidelines and preliminary estimates for the investment projects selected for RDP3 financing; and,
- Development of detailed designs for selected investments projects and supports the Client in the preparation of tender-ready bidding documents for approved investment projects.

b) Supervision services to include:

- Supervision services under this TOR are intended to include: supervision of the contracted civil works from the list of specific identified investment projects for the Tbilisi National Park and Its Key Gateway Settlements, including monitoring, inspection and reporting supervision activities.

c) *Capacity Development and Awareness Building Services to include:*

Capacity Development and Awareness Building services under this TOR have to be commenced as soon as design services are launched and are intended to include, without being limited to: communication strategy, capacity development action plan, capacity development in sustainable facilities (assets) planning and management, as well as in heritage (natural and cultural) friendly sustainable business development for both the park administration and key gateway communities.

More specifically, the Assignment will be carried out through the following specific Tasks and Activities.

a) **Design Phase:**

- ***Task 1: Carry out a rapid desk-review***, including stocktaking and preparation of a ***work-plan***; and preparing the ***inception report***.
- ***Task 2: Formulate a development vision and integrated park facilities design and key gateway green urban design concepts*** for the study area in its entirety and its various and distinctive *zones in Tbilisi National Park and its Key Gateway Settlements*, for discussion with key stakeholders and approvals by MDF, the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructures, Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture, Agency of Protected Areas, the World Bank, beneficiary municipalities and other key/relevant stakeholders, to be further developed into an investment program.
- ***Task 3: Finalize and prioritize an integrated and cohesive investment program*** for the study area of the Tbilisi National Park and key Gateway Settlements and its distinctive zones including broad cost estimates aimed to the achievement of the above development vision and the associated urban design;
- ***Task 4: Prepare preliminary designs, technical report, and revised cost estimates*** for the priority investments selected for RDP3 financing based on available envelope for each city; and,
- ***Task 5: Prepare detailed designs, BoQs, technical specifications, technical reports, EIA reports and works schedule*** for selected priority investment projects to make them ready for bidding;

b) **Capacity Development and awareness building of key stakeholders**

- ***Task 6: Carry out rapid assessment of the capacity development and awareness needs***, including identification of audiences at the protected areas agency and local gateway communities and classification of relevant capacities/competencies (e.g. facilities/assets sustainable management, heritage friendly business development, visitor services, etc.) essential for the park and its gateways;
- ***Task 7: Propose and agree with the Client and Key Stakeholders on a program and action plan for capacity development and awareness building*** of key stakeholders, including government agencies, Gateway Communities and the public, to promote sustainable and integrated nature conservation, cultural and natural preservation, nature-culture based tourism and ecological-friendly recreational destination use of the TNP.
- ***Task 8: Support APA and other relevant government agencies to carry out priority actions*** of the agreed program for capacity development and awareness building of key stakeholders

c) **Supervision Phase**

- ***Activity 1:*** Inception Phase
- ***Activity 2:*** Construction Phase
- ***Activity 3:*** Defects Liability Period

- Design Services should be performed within *10-month* period. *The firm will be contracted for the design phase under a lump sum contract.*
- Supervision Services should be performed within *18 months* period. *The firm will be contracted for the supervision phase under a time base contract.*
- Capacity Development Services should be performed within *3-month* period. *The firm will be contracted for the design phase under a lump sum contract.*

The Municipal Development Fund (MDF) invites eligible consultants (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

- Similar experience within the last ten years (i.e. since January 2008). Weighted score for evaluation is 70%. Similar experience shall include: (i) preparation of design (formulation of a development vision), delivery of capacity development assistance for integrated park facilities and (ii) supervision of civil works
- The Consultant shall have at least of 7 years General experience. Weighted score for evaluation is 30%

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 Quality and Cost Based Selection Method (QCBS) set out in Section II 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 09:00 a.m. to 18:00 p.m. at Procurement Unit of MDF, Phone number: +99532 2437001, extension 414, Mrs. Eka Ezugbaia, World Bank 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 **March 26, 2018 at 15:00 local time.**

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