

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

Third Regional Development Project (RDPIII) – P150696

Loan No: 8494-GE

**Assignment Title: Detailed Designs and Construction Supervision for the Sustainable
Preservation, Facilities Development and Upgrading of Tbilisi National Park**

Reference No: IBRD/RDPIII/CS/QCBS/10-2019

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 and Construction Supervision for the Sustainable Preservation, Facilities Development and Upgrading of Tbilisi National Park”**.

The objective of this assignment is to assist the Agency for Protected Areas (APA) of Georgia to develop a vision and roadmap for the operationalization of the current Tbilisi National Park Management Plan, and subsequently to contribute to the identification, prioritization, design and implementation (including supervision of contracted civil works and related environmental and social supervision) of selected investments that are strategic in nature and aligned with the overall national park management objectives. This assignment shall promote the preservation, conservation, sustainable public use and management of the Tbilisi National Park. The park shall become a multifunctional area, encompassing the functions of preservation of the natural and cultural heritage assets, and enhancement of natural/cultural tourism and recreational destination. The Consultant shall further develop a vision by focusing on the project area and foster its achievement by proposing interventions to improve its functional and physical context.

The assignment shall comprise two main components:

1. Inception, visioning and Design services to include:

- Elaboration of a development vision and related concept for the integrated preservation, conservation and carefully managed public use of the protected area, design of critical park infrastructure/facilities and improvement of the Park access at the Gateway Settlements tentatively identified for project support (e.g. Saguramo, Tskhvarichamia, and Martkopi). This shall take into account all existing/ongoing concession projects and would include, without being limited to, (i) considerations for administrative and visitor infrastructure/facilities of the park, signage, improvement of access roads, 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 improvement of the park access (e.g.: roads, parking lots, trailheads, etc.) from the three key gateway settlements, at the same time minimizing impact on natural and cultural assets and supporting effective management of the park and sustainable green economic growth.²The trail networks should cover the entire park area, connect natural assets and cultural heritage sites, consistent to the provision protected areas legislation and management plan with its zoning;
- Scoping of a cohesive design for critical park infrastructure/facilities (incorporating concession projects at Zedazeni and Sabaduri sites) for the Tbilisi National Park. This will include an integrated investment program for the park, 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' access design;

- Development of preliminary designs with several options and preliminary estimates for the investment projects selected for RDP3 financing;
- Development of detailed designs for selected investments projects and support to the Client in the preparation of tender-ready bidding documents for approved investment projects;

2. *Supervision services to include:*

- Supervision of the contracted civil works from the list of specifically identified investment projects for the Tbilisi National Park and Its Key Gateway Settlements, including monitoring, inspection and reporting supervision activities;
- Environmental and Social Supervision.

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

a) **Part A: Inception and Visioning**

- Task 1: Stocktaking and Inception
- Task 2: Development Vision for the Project Area and the Sustainable Preservation, Facilities Development and upgrading Concepts for Tbilisi National Park

b) **Part B: Design services:**

- Task 1: Validating and Identifying Investment Program for the Project Area;
- Task 2: Preliminary Concept Design, Guidelines and Preliminary Estimates for Selected Investment projects;
- Task 3: Detailed designs.

c) **Part C: Supervision services:**

- Activity 1: Inception Phase
 - Activity 2: Construction Phase
 - Activity 3: Defects Liability Period
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- Inception, Visioning and Design Services should be performed within *8-month* period. *The firm will be contracted for the design services (part A and B) under a lump sum contract.*
 - Supervision Services should be performed within *18 months* period. *The firm will be contracted for the supervision services under a time base contract.*

The estimated level of effort for these Consulting Services is estimated to be in the range of USD 600,000.00.

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

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 **October 10, 2019 at 15:00 local time.**

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