

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

GEORGIA

**Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development Project II (SRMIDP) – P147521
Second Regional Development Project (RDP II) – P130421
Sustainable Wastewater Management Project (SWMP) – P145040**

**Local Consultant – Procurement Consultant
Reference No. SRMIDP/C/IC/06-2019**

The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (here after referred as “MDF”) 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 is responsible for projects implementation, procurement, safeguards, contracts management, financial management and disbursements.

Currently, MDF is in charge of implementation of several projects financed by the World Bank – the Second and Third Regional Development Projects (RDP2 and RDP3), the Second Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development Project (SRMIDP) and the Sustainable Wastewater Management Project (SWMP) are currently being implemented by the MDF.

The objective of the Second Regional Development Project (RDPII) is to improve the infrastructure, services and institutional capacity to support increased contribution of tourism in the local economy of the Imereti Region. Through its various components the project is expected to lead to improved urban and tourist infrastructure, enhanced cultural heritage assets and increased capacity for tourism-based local economic development in Imereti region. The economic benefits linked to the above are multiple, such as improved urban infrastructure, including public spaces, streetscapes and municipal roads, improved urban liveability and increased safety of movement for locals. At the same time, these investments are expected to make selected municipalities better places to visit and more attractive places to invest.

The Second Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development Project (SRMIDP) supports Georgia’s decentralization reform strategy ‘Main Principles of the Strategy on Decentralization and Self-Government Development of the Government of Georgia for 2013-2014’. The Strategy was adopted in April 2013 and provides a preliminary framework for the public financing of municipal development. It is expected that the Project will contribute to the Government’s decentralization agenda by strengthening public sector delivery at the local level and contributing to the capital investment needs in the municipal sector. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve the efficiency and reliability of targeted municipal services and infrastructure.

The Sustainable Wastewater Management Project (SWMP) is co-financed by the World Bank and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency. The Project includes improvement of the efficiency of the water and wastewater sector through a technical assistance component and an investment component, for the rehabilitation of two wastewater treatment plants (Tskaltubo and Telavi WWTPs). The World Bank is an administrator of the SWMP. The United Water Supply Company of Georgia (UWSCG) is the beneficiary of the Project and will operate the treatment plants. The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF) is executing overall management and coordination of implementation and supervision of the Project. Rehabilitations of Tskaltubo and Telavi WWTPs are implemented under Plant Design, Supply and Installation Contract.

MDF is looking for a Procurement Consultant, who will coordinate and manage all procurement related activities, as described below for RDP2, SRMIDP and SWMP.

This is a World Bank project financed Consultancy position.

The objective of the assignment is to support the MDF in carrying out procurement activities under the Second Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development Project, Second Regional Development Project and Sustainable Wastewater Management Project (altogether “Projects”). The consultant shall:

- Perform a variety of procurement and contract administration activities for the Projects in accordance with the World Bank’s Procurement Guidelines and Guidelines for Selection of Consultants, and provisions of respective Financing Agreements, Project Agreements and Project Operational Manuals;
- Identify procurement arrangements based on Projects’ particular circumstances, market analysis, risks and operating context;
- Prepare and update Projects’ Procurement Plans in close cooperation with the MDF Program and Project Managers;
- Prepare prequalification documents for procurement of works and carry out prequalification of bidders, wherever applicable;
- Prepare specific procurement notices and bidding documents for procurement of goods, works and non-consulting services;
- Carry out pre-bid meetings, prepare clarifications and/or amendments of bidding documents and minutes of the pre-bid meetings;
- Carry out bid opening procedures and prepare bid opening minutes;
- Prepare bid evaluation reports for procurement of goods, works and non-consulting services, prepare requests for clarifications of bids, provide clarifications to the World Bank’s comments as the case may be;
- Prepare requests for expressions of interest and requests for proposals for selection of consultants;
- Carry out pre-proposal conferences, prepare clarifications and/or amendments of requests for proposals and minutes of the pre-proposal conferences;
- Carry out technical and financial proposals opening procedures and prepare minutes of proposal opening;
- Prepare shortlist evaluation reports and technical/financial proposals evaluation reports, prepare requests for clarifications of proposals, provide clarifications to the World Bank’s comments as the case may be;
- Prepare contract award notices/acceptance letters to selected bidders/consultants;
- Prepare debriefing letters to unsuccessful bidders/consultants, participate in debriefing meetings, if applicable;
- Carry out contract negotiations with the selected consultants;
- Prepare final set of contract documents for goods, works, consulting and non-consulting services for signature by the parties;
- Provide recommendations to the Projects teams on proposed contract variations/amendments for goods, works, consulting and non-consulting services;
- Prepare contract variations/amendments for goods, works, consulting and non-consulting services;
- Participate in customs procedures for procured goods, if applicable; participate in acceptance and hand-over of goods procured;
- Ensure procurement filing accurately and in a timely manner;
- Assist audit processes, review findings and implementing changes;
- Provide coaching to MDF’s junior procurement staff;

- Participate in trainings, workshops organized by the Bank locally and regionally;
- Perform other procurement-related tasks for the Projects as required.

The employment contract with the Procurement Consultant will be signed for a 12 month period. The contract may be extended, subjected to satisfactory performance. This is a fulltime assignment.

The assignment is covered under the World Bank financed **Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development Project II (SRMIDP)**.

The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia now invites eligible individual consultants ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. The selection criteria are:

1. Professional Experience: At least 5 years of experience in World Bank-financed Procurement.
2. Higher education, preferably in civil engineering, law or procurement.
3. Thorough working knowledge of World Bank Procurement Guidelines and procedures related to the procurement of civil works, goods, consulting and non-consulting services, including, but not limited to: preparation of bidding documents/requests for proposals, evaluation of bids/proposals/expressions of interest, negotiations and contracting, etc.
4. Working knowledge of World Bank procurement documentation i.e. standard and sample procurement documents on ICB, NCB, and Shopping for goods and works, requests for proposals for selection of consultants.
5. Demonstrated problem-solving skills and negotiating skills with ability to balance project objectives and procurement requirements with client needs in discussing and resolving sensitive and difficult issues;
8. Strong communication skills and negotiating skills and persuasiveness in presenting, discussing and resolving difficult issues, both orally and in writing;
9. Working knowledge of English and Georgian languages is mandatory.

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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant (IC) method set out in Section V 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 10:00 a.m. to 17:00 p.m. at Procurement Department of MDF, Phone number: +99532 2437001, extension 444, 414, Ms. Tamar Gogoladze, Procurement Assistant.

Interest expression with CV shall be submitted at the address provided below not later than **17:00 local time of June 27, 2019**.

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