

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
SELECTION OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS**

GEORGIA

Project Name: Second Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development Project (SRMIDP) – P147521

National Consultant – Environmental Consultant

Reference No. SRMIDP-AF/C/IC/2-2020

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, application of safeguards, contracts management, financial management and disbursement.

The World Bank is supporting efforts of the Government of Georgia (GoG) to address decentralization and regional development challenges through the ongoing Second Regional and Municipal Development Project (SRMIDP) since 2014. The Project Development Objective is to improve access to quality municipal services and infrastructure.

The objective of the assignment is to support the MDF in carrying out environmental management of SRMIDP and preparation of site-specific environmental and social documentation for other World Bank-financed operations, as need be. The consultant shall:

1. Provide day-to-day guidance and advice to the Environmental and Resettlement Unit of MDF on the environmental safeguards’ application and compliance and support in the resolution of environmental performance-related issues that may arise in the course of SRMIDP implementation;
2. In cooperation with MDF’s social, gender, health and safety professionals, review environmental and social documentation prepared by MDF’s consultants and contractors under SRMIDP, determine compliance of these documents with the relevant requirements of the national legislation, World Bank’s policies and project-specific framework documents, provide feedback and assist in upgrading of documents as required, and recommend MDF approval of mature draft documents;
3. Ensure that ESMPs and specific environmental, health and safety requirements of MDF are duly incorporated into the bidding documents and that responsiveness of bidders to these requirements are adequately assessed in the process of bid evaluation;
4. Ensure that ESMPs are incorporated into contracts for the provision of works and contracts carry adequate provisions to apply remedies for environmental non-compliance;
5. Ensure good quality of environmental documentation prepared by the Construction Contractors and Supervision Consultants;
6. Ensure that Contractors understand their responsibilities to mitigate environmental problems associated with their construction activities and facilitate training of their staff in implementation of ESMP;
7. Monitor implementation of ESMPs, adherence to the contractually binding environmental requirements and compliance with the relevant national legislation by contractors;
8. Review monthly environmental reports submitted by works contractors and supervision consultants, analyse them, bring most important aspects to the attention of the management of Environmental and Resettlement Unit of MDF and contribute to the development of Project Progress Reports from MDF to the World Bank by providing relevant analytical write-up on environmental performance of SRMIDP;

9. Review incoming correspondence related to environmental issues under the SRMIDP, draft responses and submit to the management of Environmental and Resettlement Unit;
10. Communicate with different stakeholders - governmental agencies, municipalities, donors, private sector, consultants, contractors and other organizations, within the sphere of competence;
11. Assist MDF management with the disclosure of environmental and social documentation in accordance with requirements of the World Bank and the national legislation;
12. Assist MDF with organization of public consultations on the draft environmental and social documents, including identification of venues, notices to participants, development of agenda, etc. and prepare minutes of consultation meetings, including lists of attendees, attendance signatures, photo documentation, etc. as relevant.;
13. In case unpredicted environmental impacts during implementation of SRMIDP, prepare or assist in preparation and implementation of an environmental emergency response program in consultation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, other relevant government agencies and the World Bank.
14. Upon request of the MDF, prepare site-specific environmental and social documents for World Bank-financed projects other than SRMIDP which follow World Bank's safeguard policies, react to comments on these documents provided by the MDF and the World Bank, assist MDF with the disclosure of these documents and the conduct of public consultations.
15. Track dynamics of COVID-19 pandemic worldwide and in Georgia paying particular attention to the current advice from World Health Organization (WHO) and the GoG, advise MDF management on the need of designing alternative format for stakeholder consultation on the draft site-specific environmental and social documents and participate in the elaboration of respective arrangements.

The duration of the assignment is 12 months. It may be extended upon mutual agreement. This is a full-time assignment. Working from the MDF office is required.

The assignment is covered under the World Bank financed project (SRMIDP - AF).

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. Higher education in Natural science, Environmental Law, Environmental Management or other Environmental related major area. Master's degree would be an advantage.
2. Work experience of at least 1 year in environmental management of civil works financed by International financial institutions.
3. Knowledge of environmental policies and requirements of the international financing institutions. Knowledge of the World Bank's safeguard policies will be considered an advantage.
4. Demonstrated problem-solving skills and negotiating skills with ability to balance project objectives and environmental requirements with client needs in discussing and resolving sensitive and difficult issues;
5. Strong communication skills, ability to resolve complex issues, multi-tasking.
6. Proficiency in English and Georgian languages is mandatory.

Note: The MDF reserves its right to verify submitted references/information and use obtained information for evaluation purposes.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14 "Conflict of Interest" of the [World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrower, July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018"](#), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment: The consultant shall not receive any remuneration in connection

with the assignment except as provided in the contract. The consultant and its affiliates shall not engage in consulting or other activities that conflict with the interest of the client under the contract. The contract shall include provisions limiting future engagement of the consultant for other services resulting from or directly related to the firm's consulting services in accordance with the requirements of paragraphs 3.16, 3.17 and 3.18 of the WB Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrower.

An individual consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the *World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrower, July 2016 , revised November 2017 and August 2018"* "Selection of Individual Consultants".

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. by the email: procurement@mdf.org.ge (Contact person: Ms. Tamar Gogoladze, Procurement Assistant)

Interest expression with CV shall be submitted either as a hard copy or electronically to the address provided below not later than **17:00 hours of July 22, 2020**.

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