

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

GEORGIA

Third Regional Development Project (RDPIII) – P150696

Loan No: 8494-GE

**Detailed Designs and Construction Supervision for the Sustainable Visitor Trails and Mountain Huts for
Kazbegi, Pshav-Khevsureti, and Tusheti Protected Areas**

Reference No: **IBRD/RDPIII/CS/QCBS/14-2020**

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 the above consulting services.

The consultancy Service aims to develop Sustainable Visitor Trails and Mountain Huts for Kazbegi, Pshav-Khevsureti, and Tusheti Protected Area, eventually supporting the tourism-based economy.

The Municipal Development Fund is seeking a qualified consultancy firm to provide a combination of technical assistance, design and construction supervision services under the scope of this consultancy.

The objective of this assignment is to assist the Agency for Protected Areas (APA) of Georgia to develop existing sustainable hiking trail system and lodging facilities (campsites and variety of huts) to connect Kazbegi, Pshav-Khevsureti and Tusheti Protected Areas along the Greater Caucasus Mountains.

Under this assignment the consultant is expected to provide:

Part A – Inception and evaluation

Part B - Design Services

Part C – Supervision Services

The Consultant will carry out the following main activities for Inception and evaluation (Part A):

Task 1. Carry out a rapid desk-review, including stocktaking and preparation of a work-plan and preparing the inception report;

Task 2. To Monitor and assess Main existing trail and seven hut sites;

The Consultant will carry out the following main activities for Design Services (Part B):

Task 1: Preliminary Concept Design, Guidelines and preliminary Estimates for the Main existing trail and seven huts;

Task 2: Main trail (166 km) and seven huts detailed designs;

Task 3: Monitoring and Assessment mountain-hiking and horse-riding network of trails (184 km).

The Consultant will carry out the following main activities for supervision services (Part C):

Activity 1: Inception Stage

Activity 2: Construction Stage

Activity 3: Defects Liability Period

Supervision services shall cover monitoring, inspection and reporting supervision activities of the contracted civil works from the list of specifically identified investment projects, including Environmental and Social Supervision.

The timeframe for implementing the overall investment program is 24 months (Inception and Design in 6 months, Supervision – 18 months), followed by 12 Months defect Liability period for each 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 Terms of Reference of the assignment is available as annex.

The shortlisting criteria are:

- Similar experience within the last ten years (i.e. since January 2010). Weighted score for evaluation is 70%. Similar experiences shall include (but not limited to) (i) experience of conducting research, developing the designs for arranging eco-touristic hiking trails, for installing information boards and signs on trails, preparing trail design estimate documentation, preparing detail designs for lodging facilities at mountain zones that are aligned with the protected areas categories and (ii) supervision of civil works and related environmental and social supervision.
- The Consultant shall have at least of 10 years General working 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 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.](#)

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 Mrs. Eka Ezugbaia, World Bank Procurement Consultant or by e-mail: procurement@mdf.org.ge

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 **July 03, 2020, at 15:00 local time.**

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