REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION) GEORGIA Project Name: Innovation, Inclusion and Quality Project – Georgia (I2Q) Project No.168481

Detailed Design Preparation for Reconstruction/Rehabilitation for Public Schools Located in Kvemo Kartli and Kakheti Reference No: IBRD/I2Q/CS/QCBS/05-2021

Georgia has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Georgia I2Q - Innovation, Inclusion and Quality Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, and related services and consulting services to be procured under this project.

The Project consists of the following key components:

Component 1- Improving Quality of and Access to Early Childhood Education and Care: Support to facilitate expanded access to quality pre-school education in selected pre-schools.

Component 2 – Fostering Quality Teaching and Learning in General Education: Support to provide a learning environment that is conducive to quality education in selected general education schools.

Component 3 – Strengthening Financing Options and Promoting Internationalization in Higher Education: Support to improve the quality and international competitiveness of higher education.

Component 4 – System Strengthening and Stakeholder Communication: Support to facilitate a shift in attitude towards learning.

Component 5 – Supporting Project Management, Monitoring, and Evaluations: Support capacity building for effective management and monitoring of the Project including provision of Operating Costs, Training, outreach and awareness campaigns, consulting services, M&E and, Project audits for (a) Project Management Team (PMT); and (b) Project Management Unit (PMU).

The Project will be implemented over a six-year period by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia (MES) and its subordinate government agencies and by the Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF).

The objective of the assignment is to develop the detailed design, cost estimation, and tender documentation for rehabilitation and increasing of energy efficiency measures for public schools (and associated facilities/buildings that could be a part of the school complex) in **Kvemo Kartli (3 schools) and Kakheti (3 schools)** with the aim of producing a complete set of bidding documents. This will include, but is not limited to, preparing (1) detailed designs (architectural, structural (including seismic strengthening provisions), interior, electrical, plumbing, technological, heating-ventilation, hot water supply (HWS), organization of construction etc.); (2) technical specifications, taking particular account of the seismic characteristics of the project; (3) technical reports; (4) bills of quantities – BoQs (priced and unpriced), (5) work schedule and bidding documents preparation etc. The author (designer) supervision during the execution of the civil works will be considered.

The service consists from the following stages:

I stage - Surveys and investigation activities; II stage - Preparation of preliminary design; III stage - Preparation of detailed design;IV stage - Project approval;V Stage - Project implementation and the author (designer) supervision during the execution of the civil works.

The estimated duration of the assignment is **9 (nine)** months after contract commencement for Stages I-IV and followed approximately by **12 (twelve) months** for author's supervision, Stage V.

Detailed information about the assignment and services to be carried out is provided in the Terms of Reference, which is available on the following link below:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TNb6_VXupjQZemd1-DWu8WbaEUNpsPXA/view?usp=sharing

The estimated level of effort for these Consulting Services is estimated to be in the range of USD 346,000.00.

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 2010). Weighted score for evaluation is 70%. Similar experiences shall include (but not limited to) (i) developing the detailed design for public buildings and/or educational buildings each with at least 2000 m² area.

 \succ The consultant shall have at least 10 years of general experience in detailed design preparation. 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 3.14 "Conflict of Interest" of the World Bank's Guidelines: *World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrower, July 2016 revised 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 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 Regulations.

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: <u>http://mdf.org.ge/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Form-for-References.pdf</u>

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.

Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants Quality and Cost-based Selection (QCBS) method with international market approach set out in <u>World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF</u> <u>Borrower, July 2016 revised August 2018"</u>.

Further information can be obtained by e-mail <u>procurement@mdf.org.ge</u> to Mrs. Eka Ezugbaia, World Bank Procurement Consultant.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered electronically to the address below not later than June 28, 2021, 18:00 hours:

Municipal Development Fund of Georgia Attn: Mr. George Shengelia, Executive Director of MDF <u>E-mail: procurement@mdf.org.ge</u>