

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

**GEORGIA  
Second Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development Project (RMIDPII) –  
P147521  
Loan No. 8380-GE**

**International Adviser for Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of Georgian Local Self-Governments**

**Reference No. SRMIDP/C/IC/02-2014**

Georgia has received Credit from the World Bank (WB) and Grant from Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) in order to support decentralization and Local Self-government (LSG) reforms. The Second Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development Project will support such a decentralization agenda in line with overall Government reform strategy through financing both infrastructure investment priorities and institutional development to build effective LSG system. It is intended to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services - International Adviser for Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of Georgian Local Self-Governments.

The Project will contribute to the decentralization agenda of the GoG by strengthening public service delivery at the local level. It will contribute to the capital investment needs in the municipal sector, ensuring that the poorest are targeted, more people are benefiting and the impact is greater.

The Project Development Objective is to:

- a) Improve the efficiency and reliability of selected municipal services infrastructure;
- b) Contribute to the establishment of an effective local self-government system.

The objective of consulting services ("the Services") is to assist MDF in the process of preparation and implementation of the above-mentioned TA activities. The Advisor will help MDF and Center for Effective Governance System and Territorial Arrangement Reform (CEGSTAR) in drafting TORs, provide quality assurance review and ensure harmonization with the national training program and with other donors providing TA to LSGs. Under the guidance of an International Adviser, stationed in and operating from within the MDF, three specialized service providers (to be recruited), organized as consortia with mandatory participation of national experts, are in charge of implementing the three main action lines: (a) Spatial Planning and Asset Management; (b) Infrastructure Project Cycle Management; and (c) Fiscal Discipline and Accounting.

For project implementation, MDF will lead regular monthly coordination meetings to ensure efficient and effective coordination between Component 1 (Infrastructure Investment, Project Management and Monitoring) and Component 2 (Institutional Development). The International Adviser will act as a secretary to these meetings.

Tentative duration of assignment is 4 years. The International Adviser will be employed for field-based 80 working days per year for a four year contract.

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

- minimum of Master's degree in public administration or similar field;

- at least 10 years of international experience in the fields of public administration, with specific specialization on local government;
- experience in public finance management, capital investment planning, municipal finance and accounting and municipal asset management;
- proven record of successful similar assignments, involving coordination among various experts, local and national authorities;
- Experience of working in countries of Eastern Europe or Former Soviet Union is desirable.

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 Unit of MDF, Phone number: +99532 2437001, extension 409, Ms. Nata Peitrishvili, Procurement Specialist.

Interest expression with CV shall be submitted at the address provided below not later than 17:00 p.m. of December 26, 2014.

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