

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

**Georgia
World Bank-SIDA Trust Fund (TF014912)
Georgia Sustainable Wastewater Management Project (P145040)**

**Assignment Title: International Consulting Services for Technical Assistance in the
Wastewater Sector for United Water Supply Company of Georgia
Reference No. SIDA/SWMP/CS/LCS/01-2014**

Georgia has applied for financing from Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency toward the cost of the Sustainable Wastewater Management Project (SWMP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include technical assistance in the wastewater sector for United Water Supply Company of Georgia. As part of the SWMP Technical Assistance Program the consulting company will be engaged as part of the process to achieve the stated results. The selected Consultant is expected to conduct its activities onsite in Georgia (90% onsite, unless stated otherwise) and work with the UWSCG on an intermittent basis for the specified number of contract days.

The following scope of work is proposed, organized according to tasks per activity areas:

- A. Institutional Framework - Regulatory Requirements for Community Wastewater Services;
- B. Institutional Framework - to activate the National Wastewater Management Strategy - and Supportive Policy;
- C. UWSCG Organizational Structures for Wastewater Management;
- D. UWSCG Technical Capacities for Wastewater Systems;
- E. UWSCG Institutional Capacities for Wastewater Management.

The consultant will be responsible for all preliminary approvals, including stakeholder consultations and the stakeholder respective written acceptance of outputs. The consultant will be responsible to engage all pertinent entities in the Georgian water and wastewater sector; primary support shall be to the UWSCG, but also the Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development and/or Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia (MENRP), especially regarding the institutional framework elements.

The assignment is expected to be completed by December 31, 2015.

The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia now invites eligible consulting firms (“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. Expression of interest should cover, but not limited to: Experience relevant to the project activities, key staff resources, corporate profile. The shortlisting criteria are:

- Similar experience within the last 7 years (i.e. since January 2007).
- General experience.

Note: the MDF reserves its 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*. ("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 Least-Cost Selection (LCS) 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*.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 10:00 a.m. to 18:00 p.m. at Procurement Division of MDF, Phone number: +99532 2437001, extension 409, Mrs. Nata Peitrishvili, Procurement Specialist.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **March 14, 2014, at 18:00**.

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