

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

**GEORGIA
REGIONAL AND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT –ADDITIONAL FINANCING – IDA 4824**

Kazbegi, Dusheti, Abastumani Development Strategy for Sustainable development

Reference No. IDA/RMIDP-AF/CS/CQS/07-2014

Georgia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development Project-Additional Financing, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") includes assistance of the Municipalities of Kazbegi, Dusheti and Adigeni (the clients) to prepare a medium-to-long term participatory Development Strategies.

The Strategy will be structured around the following two pillars:

a) Urban Governance: Improvement of the municipal governance framework, with a special focus on improving city management, citizens' participation and increasing local revenues stream.

b) Physical Development Plan: Design a strategy for improving the physical infrastructure of the city (especially urban transport and solid waste disposal), support creating an ambient environment, define urban regeneration projects, and citizens' needs for improved infrastructure and municipal services.

The consultant is expected to complete and deliver the following tasks:

Urban Governance:

- Review municipal governance, finance, procedures and opportunities to increase revenue and write a policy report with specific recommendations and action plan.
- Review the mechanisms of citizens' consultation, participation in decision-making process in issues related to city development means to handle citizens' complaints and write a policy report with specific recommendations and action plan.

Physical Development Plan:

- Analyze environment challenges and make specific proposals to support building ambient environment in three cities
- Analyze poverty structure, unemployment, marketing and branding approaches, FDI inflows, SME support, business institutional infrastructure and other business-economic issues
- Define sustainable land development policy and identify future land development, redevelopment and urban regeneration projects in the city and analyse their economic viability and marketability;
- Analyze current municipal services and infrastructure gaps and bottlenecks, review completed studies and design a strategy and action plan for improving the physical infrastructure of three cities (especially urban transport and solid waste disposal).

The Consultant will also carry out the following tasks, which shall ensure smooth preparation of the Strategy:

- Provide organized and on-the-job trainings for the members of the CDS teams to improve their knowledge and skill in CDS preparation, stakeholders' consultation and CDS M&E.

The tentative duration of the assignment is 2 month.

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: corporate profile, years in business, experience relevant to the project activities, key staff resources, core business. The shortlisting criteria are:

- a) knowledge of the city development strategy, SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis, and with the experience in the leading city development strategy process (experience with at least one city, comparable to Tbilisi, is essential);
- b) at least 10 years of experience in Regional Spatial Development Projects;
- c) at least 10 years of experience in City Visions and Master Planing;
- d) at least 10 years of experience in Physical, Natural, Social-Economic, Environmental, Cultural, Infrastructural, Resettlement and Technical surveying. It would be preferable if the Consultant has experience in the Eastern Europe.

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*. ("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*.

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 405, Mrs. Tinatin Kachkachishvili, Procurement Specialist.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in English in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **October 31, 2014, at 17:00**.

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