



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

Grant No. : P171328  
Country : Palestine/Gaza Strip  
Assignment Title : Independent Verification Agent (IVA) for Performance Audit of The Joint Service Council for Solid Waste Management in Khan Younis, Rafah, and Middle Area Governorates (JSC-KRM)  
Assignment Ref: GZ-MDLF-192164-CS-QCBS

The Palestine Liberation Organization, for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority, has allocated additional financing (AF) in the form of a grant in the amount of US\$2.00 million from the Global Partnership for Results-Based Approaches (GPRBA) and US\$ 1.25 million from the Partnership for Infrastructure Development Multi-Donor Trust Fund (PID-MDTF) to the Palestinian Authority (PA); for the Gaza Solid Waste Management Project (GSWMP), and will be executed by Municipal Development & Lending Fund (MDLF).

The additional financing (AF) would contribute to the improvement of service quality and management by the Joint Service Council in Khan Younis, Rafah and Middle Governorates (JSC-KRM) and would be used to support operational costs associated with the new infrastructure and services such as the new landfill in Sofa, upgraded transfer stations, collection equipment, and medical waste treatment.

The Joint Service Council for Solid Waste Management in Khan Younis, Rafah and Middle Governorates (JSC-KRM) was established in 1995 to provide secondary solid waste collection services, e.g., from approximately 2,300 communal containers, and responsible, in addition to the disposal services at the Al-Fukhari (Sofa) sanitary landfill which is currently under operation with a daily input of 800 tons of solid waste. JSC-KRM is also expanding its services to include medical waste management and the operation of two transfer stations.

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF), as the delegated implementing agency, intends to use part of the Grant to hire a consulting firm to conduct “*Independent Verification Agent (IVA) for Performance Audit of the Joint Service Council for Solid Waste Management in Khan Younis, Rafah, and Middle Area Governorates (JSC-KRM)*” assignment and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services to measure the JSC-KRM performance throughout the AF project period; that is to evaluate the achievement of result based target indicators.

MDLF invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested consulting firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. **The short listing criteria are: General Firm’s Profile (Core business and years in business, qualifications in the field of the assignment, technical and managerial organization of the firm, general qualifications and number of key staff).** Consultant’s firms who managed similar services are highly encouraged to apply for this assignment.



Assignment Objective:

The main objective of this consultancy services is to conduct an independent verification of JSC-KRM services and provide MDLF with a periodic independent verification reports by verifying results and scores as reported by JSC-KRM in a parallel and independent monitoring of the status of compliance against indicative targets, and making recommendations on disbursement of The Global Partnership for Results-Based Approaches (GPRBA) subsidy based on the verified results in each 6 months audit period. In this assignment, the IVA shall verify JSC-KRM operational performance and results-based payments for improvements in quality of the following services:

1. Disposal service (Sofa landfill)
2. Transfer station services
3. Medical waste treatment services
4. Secondary collection services (container upkeep and truck maintenance).
5. Finance & Governance

The attention of interested consulting firms is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers published by the World Bank in January 2011, revised in July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications, therefore a letter of intent to execute a JV Agreement in the event of a successful proposal shall be signed by all members and submitted with the Expression of Interest, together with a copy of the proposed Agreement.

Consultancy firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: *Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by the World Bank Borrowers*, published by the World Bank in January 2011, revised in July 2014/ **Selection based on Quality-Cost based selection (QCBS)**.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, Sunday – Thursday, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

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 listed below) by Monday **19/10/2020**, addressed to:

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