

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

Country: Palestine

Assignment Title: Institutional Assessment for RMIS implementation in West Bank and Gaza Strip

Reference No. : 3.1.6.2.A

The Palestine Liberation Organization, for the benefit of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), has received an initial financing in the amount of 61.97 Million Euros from the World Bank-International Development Association (IDA), PNA, KFW, Denmark, SIDA, EU, SDC, VNG, BTC, GIZ and AFD towards the cost of the 2nd phase of the Municipal Development Program (MDPII).

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) as an implementation agency for the project intends to use part of the grant for consulting services to hire a Consultancy Firm to conduct the “**Institutional Assessment for RMIS implementation in West Bank and Gaza Strip**” assignment which will be conducted in selected municipalities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund now invite eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested consulting firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualification and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting 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).**

Objective of the Assignment:

MDLF intends to implement Revenue Management Information System (RMIS). The RMIS package will complement MDLF’s work in implementing IFMIS in the municipalities, as one of the modules in the IFMIS package is the RMIS. In our case, the implementation of IFMIS cannot be implemented in all municipalities at once. In each Cycle of the MDP, we are targeting certain number of municipalities. The selection of the municipalities for the implementation will be based on the institutional assessment, and one of the main objectives of the assessment is to determine whether the municipalities are ready for successful implementation or not. Thus, providing the municipalities with the RMIS at a previous stage will help their readiness for implementing IFMIS. The RMIS and the IFMIS can be integrated together at the implementation stage of IFMIS.

In order to ensure successful implementation of RMIS, MDLF intends to contract a



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financial consulting company to assess the capacity and the readiness of the selected municipalities to implement the RMIS. More specifically, the aims are to:

- Assist the MDLF in finalizing the proposed criteria for determining the eligibility of RMIS.
- Define the minimum capacity required to qualify for RMIS.
- Perform readiness assessment to select the number of the municipalities which will meet the minimum capacity required to qualify for RMIS.

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.

Consultancy firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the MDLF Procurement Manual which is based on the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by the World Bank Borrowers, published by the World Bank in January 2011, revised in July 2014/ **Selection Based on the Consultants' Qualifications (CQS)**.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 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) by **08/12/2016**.

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