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Municipal Development & Lending Fund



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

Country: Palestine

Location: Gaza (2 different assignments)

Assignment # 1: Local Technical Consultant / Gaza, North Gaza & parts of Dier Al Balah Governorates (10 municipalities)

Reference No.: 4.1.8

Assignment # 2: Local Technical Consultant / Khan Younis, Rafah and Parts of Dier Al Balah Governorate (15 municipalities)

Reference No.: 4.1.9

The Palestine Liberation Organization, for the benefit of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), has received an initial financing of *EUR 91 Million* from the World Bank-International Development Association (IDA), PA, KFW, Denmark, SDC, VNG, GIZ and AFD towards the cost of the 3rd phase of the Municipal Development Program (MDP3).

MDP3 is aligned with the PA's long-term strategy to consolidate and strengthen service delivery in the LG sector towards financially sustainable LGUs as specified in the MoLG's Sector Strategy 2017 – 2022.

MDP3 is at the center of a series of interlocking interventions by the multi donors in collaboration with the central government to strengthen the institutional development, accountability and financial sustainability of local governance and service delivery in Palestine.

MDP3 will consolidate and scale up past gains under MDP1 and MDP2 in municipal performance and accountability enhancement and will start enabling the environment at the central level and municipal partnerships with the private sector to improve the efficiency and sustainability of municipal services.

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 Consultancy Firms to conduct the **above-mentioned assignments** which will be conducted in selected municipalities in **Gaza**.

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund now invite eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. **The consulting firms must submit a separate EOI for each assignment according to the corresponding emails below and can submit for one or both assignments in different envelopes**

where every assignment should have a separate dedicated team, each envelope must be clearly marked with the name of the assignment.

Interested consulting firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications 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 Assignments:

The main objective of these assignments is to provide technical support to the targeted municipalities in different clusters in the implementation of infrastructure projects approved as part of improving the basic services for their citizens,

Technical support and assistance include on job training and assuming full responsibilities for implementing all tasks and activities which include, but are not limited to, the followings:

- (i) ***Projects planning and design:*** assist in the preparation of applications to ensure eligibility criteria (including environmental and social safeguards). review designs (survey maps, existing plans, design drawings, licenses, bill of quantities, specifications and bidding documents...etc.), in addition to review and comment on individual procurement plans, infrastructure and services maintenance, designs, specifications and bidding documents.
- (ii) ***Projects implementation and supervision:*** build the capacity of targeted Municipalities to implement the projects and assist them in the supervision including reporting on progress of implementation, monitoring of indicators, and compliance with the standards as delineated by the MDLF.
- (iii) ***Ensuring compliance with technical and fiduciary aspects:*** build the capacity and provide guidance to targeted Municipalities on technical and fiduciary aspects of project preparation and implementation to ensure compliance with MDLF's procurement, financial, social and environment safeguards (including provision of mitigation measures) procedures.

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-



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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 Quality-Cost Based Selection (QCBS)**.

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 **30/10/2017**.

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