

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

Country: Palestine

Location: Gaza Strip (2 different assignments)

Assignment # 1: Developing the Strategic Development and Investment Plans (SDIPs) – Gaza and North Gaza Cluster

Reference No.: 3.1.2.1.28

Assignment # 2: Developing the Strategic Development and Investment Plans (SDIPs) – Middle and South Gaza Cluster

Reference No.: 3.1.2.1.29

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 **above-mentioned assignments** which will be conducted in selected municipalities in the Gaza Strip.

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 and can submit for one or more assignments in different envelopes, each envelope must be clearly marked with the name of the cluster.** 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 Assignment:

The main objective of this assignment is to provide technical assistance and support to selected municipalities in the Gaza Strip clusters in developing their Strategic Development and Investment Plans (SDIPs) in accordance to the updated SDIP national methodology and approach adopted by the Ministry of



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Local Government (MOLG).

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 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 **02/07/2017**.

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