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

Contract No.: PZA 408

Grant No.: PZA 12 030 11

Country: Palestine

Assignment Title: Local Technical Consultant (LTC) for Regeneration Projects in (North & South Areas of the West Bank))

Reference No. : RHC-A 02 05- S.A-02 PZA408

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund “MDLF” has received a grant from the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium towards the cost of “Regeneration of Historic Centres HCs in Local Government Units” (RHC). The RHC Project has a general objective to improve the social, cultural and economic development of Local Government Units and Municipalities in Palestine, with a specific objective: to enhance Local Governments capacity to regenerate their Historic Centers and support sustainable local development in these areas.

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 “**Local Technical Consultant for the Regeneration Projects for (7) Historic Centers (North and South Areas of the West Bank)**”. **The consultancy services requested are split up into two assignments: The first assignment is for the North Area (Four Historic Centers) and the second assignment is for the South Area (Three Historic Centers) of the West Bank.**

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 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 consultancy assignment is to provide design and technical assistance to the benefited LGUs in the implementation of subprojects approved by program S.C as part of the RHC , as follows:

- (i) Subproject planning and identification.
- (ii) Preparing full designs for each sub-project and estimating costs (pricing BOQ).
- (iii) *Subproject implementation and supervision:* build the capacity of LGUS to



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implement the subprojects and assist them in the supervision including reporting on progress of implementation, monitoring of indicators, and compliance with the standards as delineated by MDLF.

- (iv) *Ensure compliance with technical and fiduciary aspects*: build the capacity and provide guidance to LGUs on technical and fiduciary aspects of sub-project preparation and implementation to ensure compliance with MDLF's procurement, financial, social and environmental safeguards procedures (including provision of mitigation measures).

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 AM 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 **19/01/2017**.

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