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Municipal Development & Lending Fund



Request for Expressions of Interest Consulting Services – Individual Consultant Development of Area C in the West Bank

Country: Palestine

Assignment Title: External Project Evaluator.

Reference No.: 5.4

This project is part of the overall agreement between the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) and the European Union (EU), which was signed on March, 19th 2013. The agreement, aims to develop the so-called Area C, designated the Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) as the implementing agency for the infrastructure component.

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 an **Individual Consultant for Project Evaluation**.

The MDLF, as the delegated implementation agency of the project, intends to use part of the Grant from the EU fund to hire an individual consultant to serve as an **“External Project Evaluator”**.

Objective of this assignment:

The objective of the assignment is to assess to what extent the project objectives and accomplishments have been relevant, efficient, effective and sustainable, and based on the findings, the consultant is required to recommend to the key stakeholders including (EU, MDLF, MOLG and the target LGUs) lessons learnt for future improvements.

To meet the objective of the assignment, the scope of work includes the following:

Mainly, the evaluator is requested to do the following:

- To assess the achievements of intended outcomes and outputs.
- To assess the relevance of the project to the national policy agenda and priorities, relevance with the requirements of the beneficiaries,....etc.
- To assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the project in achieving its expected results. This will entail analysis of delivery of actual outcomes, outputs against the expected targets.
- To assess the implemented infrastructure sub-projects in terms of (functionality, usability and utilization, unintended results if any).
- To assess the operation and maintenance arrangements, monitoring and evaluation and the sustainability of the implemented sub-projects.



- To Identify the problems/challenges faced by each stakeholder in fulfilling their roles in the implementation of the sub-projects, particularly “LGUs, contractor, MDLF, LTCs, Beneficiaries.....etc”.
- Based on the findings and observations made in the field, the consultant is required to recommend ways and lessons learnt for future improvements.

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) invites eligible qualified individuals to provide information indicating their qualifications, experience and appropriate skills to perform the services. The main qualifications of the consultant are as follows:

- At least 10 years working experience in the community development projects.
- Minimum 5 years experience in evaluation studies and researches of demand driven community infrastructure sub-projects.
- Minimum 5 years experience in evaluation methods including (qualitative and/or quantitative methods)
- Previous experience in the local government sector
- Demonstrated ability to approach complex problems and successfully implement similar projects.
- Excellent communication and writing skills and critical thinking.

The attention of interested consultants 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.

Individual Consultants shall be selected through comparison of qualifications of those who have expressed interest in this position.

Individual Consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM from Sunday to Thursday. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address or e-mail below by **28/11/2016**.

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