



Integrated Cities and Urban Development Project (ICUD) Request for Expressions of Interest Consulting Services – International Consulting Firms

Country: Palestine
Assignment Title: Urban Growth Scenario Exercise
Reference: GZ-MDLF-7705-CS-QCBS

The Palestine Liberation Organization, for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority has sought financing from the World Bank for the Integrated Cities and Urban Development Project (ICUD). The Project Development Objective is to assist participating urban areas to enhance their capacity to plan for sustainable urban growth. The project will be jointly implemented by the Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) that manage procurement, financial management, safeguard, and reporting for the project and the Ministry of Local Government (MoLG) responsible for technical oversight of the project. The project will work with the local government units (LGUs) in Ramallah, Bethlehem, Hebron, Nablus, and Gaza City urban areas through its intra-urban area coordination mechanisms. The objective of the capacity development support for urban growth planning is to respond to the needs of growing population and private sector with more sustainably and efficiently planned urban spaces and infrastructure.

The MDLF, as the delegated procurement, financial management, safeguard, and reporting agency of ICUD, intends to use part of the ICUD Grant from the World Bank (WB) fund to hire a consulting firm to support in the creation of urban growth modeling scenarios.

Objective of this assignment

1. Growth scenarios reflecting different public policies and urban plans for the physical, spatial, fiscal, environmental, economic and social development of Palestinian urban areas, through:
 - a. Adapting urban footprint model developed by Calthorpe Analytics or equivalent urban growth scenario tool to the Palestinian context in collaboration with the MoLG and LGUs and based on the data availability. Providing inputs into the Urban Growth Planning Road Map to be developed for each urban area.
 - b. Developing different growth scenarios for the next 15 years (number 3-5) examining the implications for policy making targeting areas with the greatest population influx, and uneven social, spatial, and economic development. The scenarios will include trend/business as usual scenarios, moderate growth planning scenarios, and sustainable development scenarios.
 - c. Disseminate the growth scenarios to the policy makers of urban areas in collaboration with the ICUD implementation team and intra-urban area coordination unit.
 - d. Technology transfer and building capacity of urban area's joint coordination units and its local authorities in understanding and applying this methodology

for future policy calibration.

2. Training of the local authorities of urban areas on the methodologies and tool of the urban growth scenario exercise including but not limited to:
 - a. Which data should be prioritized and collected based on the urban areas' interests, and the relevance of the data for urban growth scenario exercise and generally for planning policies;
 - b. How to utilize the data in the scenario modelling system for analysis;
 - c. How to maintain and update the tool and scenarios for future use.
3. Develop the final urban planning tool and guidebook that can be utilized to repeat the urban growth scenario exercise in the future on their own, including the methodology for outcome dissemination, stakeholder engagement, and policy dialogue.

Scope of Work:

The **scope of work** will include: (i) urban footprint model developed by Calthorpe Analytics or equivalent urban growth scenario tool adapted for the Palestinian context; (ii) the final report that contains the growth scenario exercise methodology, developed scenarios, and their dissemination materials (including background documents and presentations); (iii) the guidebook to be utilized by local authorities to conduct the urban growth scenario exercise on their own in the future; and (iv) trainings and workshops over the course of exercise to the intra-urban area coordination unit and relevant local authorities.

Essential Required Qualification:

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) invites eligible qualified consulting firms to submit their expression of interests providing information indicating their qualifications, experience and appropriate skills to perform the services.

Considering the assignments objective and scope of work outlined above, the consultant should demonstrate the following:

- Think tanks, policy-oriented research institutes, or consulting firms with a proven track record in using and adapting the Urban Footprint model developed by Calthorpe Analytics or any equivalent scenario planning tool, particularly in developing regions.
- Extensive experience and knowledge of urban policies and sustainable urban development.
- Previous experience in estimating socio-spatial, fiscal/economic, and environmental costs of assorted urban development patterns, ideally for different types of cities preferably in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.
- Excellent knowledge and understanding of urban policy and related issues in developing countries, Palestine or MENA specific a plus.
- Experience in providing capacity development to local authorities, government counterparts, and urban practitioners.
- Experience in convening and interacting with national and local decision-makers as well as other relevant players (universities, research institutes, etc.) to ensure policy-relevance of outputs, in particular demonstrated ability to work with government counterparts.



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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.

Consulting firms shall be selected through comparison of qualifications of those who have expressed interest in this assignment. The shortlisting criteria are: (i) conveying the understanding of the assignment's purpose, objectives, and development context; (ii) description of previous similar assignments; (iii) experience in similar contexts and conditions; (iv) availability of appropriate skills among staff, and (v) association with local Palestinian partner(s) or experts.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Shortlisted firms will be provided with full terms of reference and will be invited to submit full technical and financial proposals to undertake this assignment, which will be evaluated through a **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)**.

Consulting firms may obtain further information at the email address: azayed@mdlf.org.ps

Expressions of interest must be sent in electronic formats (PDF) to the e-mail address:

urban-ICUD@mdlf.org.ps, by **16:00 (Jerusalem time), 27 August 2017**.