



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

Grant No. : P121648 / AFD CPS 1040
Country : Palestine/Gaza Strip

Assignment Title : “Technical & Institutional Support for Solid Waste Management Services:
Professionalization of the Operations of the Joint Service Council for Solid Waste Management in Khan Younis, Rafah and Middle Governorates (JSC-KRM)”

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The Palestine Liberation Organization, for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority (PA), has received financing in the amount of US\$ 29.76 Million from the World Bank-International Development Association (IDA), the French Development Agency (AFD), and the European Union (EU) towards the cost of the Gaza Solid Waste Management Project (GSWMP), composed of infrastructure development including the construction of a new landfill and two transfer stations (component 1), in addition to institutional strengthening (component 2), secondary collection and resource recovery (component 3), and project management (component 4).

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF), as the delegated implementing agency, intends to use part of the Grant to hire a consulting firm to conduct “*Technical & Institutional Support for Solid Waste Management Services: Professionalization of the Operations of the Joint Service Council for Solid Waste Management in Khan Younis, Rafah and Middle Governorates (JSC-KRM)*” assignment in the Southern Gaza Strip, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Joint Service Council for Solid Waste Management in Khan Younis, Rafah and Middle Governorates (JSC-KRM) was established in 1995 to provide secondary solid waste collection services, e.g., from approximately 2,000 communal containers, and responsible, in addition to the secondary collection, for the disposal services at the sanitary landfill in Dair El-Balah due for closure. JSC-KRM is anticipated to operate the new Al-Fukhari (Sofa) Sanitary landfill currently under construction – with 2 million cubic meter capacity – expected start of operation date in April, 2019 with expected daily input of 800 tons of solid waste. JSC-KRM is also expanding its services to include medical waste management and the operation of at least 2 transfer stations constructed under the project.

MDLF invites 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 short listing 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).** Public or private operators,



who managed similar services are highly encouraged to apply for this assignment; individual competencies are highly emphasized for this assignment all in line with the indicated shortlisting criteria that will examine, as part of the General's Firm's Profile, the contract sizes successfully executed by the firm for similar services, e.g., coaching, landfill operations, solid waste collection operations, and location of assignments, e.g., MENA region. Firm's qualifications also include skills and availability of in-house back-stopping including availability and presence of local representatives. Quality assurance procedures and certifications such as ISO 9001 and other environmental and social certifications will be considered as well.

Assignment Objective:

The objective of this consultancy services of conducting *Technical & Institutional Support for Solid Waste Management Services: Professionalization of the Operations of the Joint Service Council for Solid Waste Management in Khan Younis Rafah and Middle Governorates (JSC-KRM)*” is to professionalize the SWM services by standardizing the operating procedures and provision of direct coaching, training, and operational advice to the staff both technical and administrative of the service provider; the Joint Service Council in Khan Younis, Rafah and Middle Governorates (JSC-KRM).

Within the objective of this consultancy service, the scope of work is mainly to:

- Provide standard operating procedures (SOP's) of JSC-KRM services; i.e., landfill operations, transfer stations, secondary collection, and medical waste management; and
- Build and implement in cooperation with JSC-KRM an action plan to practice daily operations in compliance with SOP's;
- Provide coaching, training both theoretical and on the job training, and provide day-to-day management advice to the JSC-KRM throughout the implementation of the SOP's.
- Work jointly with JSC-KRM to achieve the targets defined by performance indicators and to obtain third party performance certificates; i.e., ISO9000-01.

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, therefore a letter of intent to execute a JV Agreement in the event of a successful proposal shall be signed by all members and



submitted with the Expression of Interest, together with a copy of the proposed Agreement.

Consultancy firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: *Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants 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, Sunday – Thursday, from 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 listed below) by Tuesday **11/12/2018**, addressed to:

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