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**Municipal Development and Lending Fund
Municipal Development Program (MDP-II-AF-W5)
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

Location: Gaza Strip

**Assignment Title: "Local Technical Consultant / Gaza"
Reference No.: 4.2.10**

The Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority (PA), has received a financing in the amount of 5 Million Euros from KFW and EU towards the cost of the 2nd cycle of Municipal Development Program - Phase 2 (MDP-II) additional Financing / W5.

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF), as the delegated implementation agency, intends to use part of the Grant to hire a consulting firm to conduct the "**Local Technical Consultant / Gaza**" assignment, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

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 for the assignment. 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).**

Assignment Objective:

The main objective of the consultancy assignment is to provide technical assistance to benefited municipalities in the **Gaza Strip (Gaza, Dear El-Balah, Khan Yunus, North Gaza, and Rafah Governorates)** for the implementation of subprojects approved by MDLF as part of the second cycle of MDPII- additional financing for window five , as follows:

- (i) Assist in reviewing and commenting on the designs and estimated costs (priced BOQ).
- (ii) Subproject implementation and supervision: build the capacity of municipalities to 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.



- (iii) Ensure compliance with technical and fiduciary aspects: build the capacity and provide guidance to municipalities 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 **29/08/2016**.

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