



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

Country: Palestine

Assignment Title: Prepare a Comprehensive Public Transportation Plan for Ramallah and Al Bireh Urban Area

Reference: GZ-MDLF-105921-CS-QCBS

The Palestine Liberation Organization, for the benefit of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) has sought grant financing from the World Bank for the Integrated Cities and Urban Development Project (ICUD), which aims to assist participating urban areas to enhance their capacity to plan for sustainable urban growth. The project is supporting the urban planning of five leading Palestinian urban areas including Ramallah-Al-Bireh, Bethlehem, Hebron, Nablus, and Gaza City through their intra-urban area coordination mechanisms. The project intends to respond to the needs of growing population and private sector for more sustainably and efficiently planned urban spaces and infrastructure. ICUD is jointly implemented by the Ministry of Local Government (MoLG), which is responsible for technical oversight of the project, and the Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF), which manages the fiduciary, safeguards, and reporting aspects of the project. The MDLF intends to engage the services of Consultants to **Prepare a Comprehensive Public Transportation Plan for Ramallah and Al Bireh Urban Area.**

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be viewed at the website: www.MDLF.org.ps/TOR.

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 prepare a Comprehensive Public Transportation Plans.

Objective of this assignment

The Assignment aims to prepare a Master Plan, formulated based on a detailed assessment of existing national and regional transport network and the results of a comprehensive analysis of existing gaps. Specifically, the Assignment aims to:

- a. Build on the Traffic and Transportation Plan and the Road and Transport Plan for Palestine that identified the availability of safe, high quality, and convenient transportation choices as a critical tool to support achievement (economic competitiveness and quality of life, etc.
- b. Guide the rational development of the public transport sector for Ramallah-Al-Bireh Urban Area through coordinated planning;
- c. Guide the identification, preparation, and appraisal of transport infrastructure projects, particularly ensuring that these projects are identified from a network perspective and align well with the cities' development plan;
- d. Guide development planning and programming exercises of stakeholders in productive sectors including the private sector;



- e. Promote inter-municipal economic cooperation and utilization of transport system for more efficient connectivity between municipalities;
- f. Emphasize the provision of wider choices in travel, reduce dependence on private cars, and promote public/ shared vehicles.
- g. Enhance the capacity of the concerned local government units on various transport planning tools and techniques.

Scope of Work:

The **scope of work** will include:

1. **Initiation and Inception**
2. **Collection of Relevant Public Transportation Data**
3. **Analysis and Transportation Modeling**
4. **Public Transportation Plan Formulation and Review**

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 consulting firm is required to provide evidence of experience in the preparation of Transportation Master Plans, with competency in Public Transportation specifically. The consulting team will be evaluated against 10 years of relevant experience in traffic and transportation planning.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, 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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Selection based on Quality-Cost Based Selection (QCBS)**. Method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

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

Expressions of interests must be submitted in electronic format (PDF) to the e-mail address:

PLAN-ICUD@mdlf.org.ps, by **16:00 (Jerusalem time), 01 July 2019**.