



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

Country: Palestine

Assignment Title: Local Technical Consultant (LTC)-SDC Package III

Reference Number: SDC Area C-3

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund “MDLF” has received a grant from the “SDC” towards the cost of “Development of area C / West Bank”.

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 a **Local Technical Consultancy Firm (LTC)** to provide the needed technical assistance for the design and supervision of the infrastructure projects that will be implemented in the mentioned below **Sevens localities in area C in the West Bank**.

No.	Locality	LGU	Governorate
1	Iskaria	Iskaria village council	Bethlehem
2	Keesan	Keesan village council	Bethlehem
3	Susia	Susia village Council	Hebron
4	Um Alkhair	Um Alkhair village council	Hebron
5	Al Nijada	Al Nijada village council	Hebron
6	Deir Qaddis	Deir Qaddis village council	Ramallah
7	Al Aqaba	Al Aqaba village council	Tubas

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

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund now 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 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)**.

Objective of the Assignment:

The main objective of this assignment is to provide technical assistance to the targeted localities (LGUs), specifically the seven mentioned above localities in area C in West Bank for the implementation of infrastructure projects approved as part of improving the basic services for their citizens mainly assisting them in:



- (i) *Projects planning and design*: assisting to the LGUs to ensure the compliance with environmental and social safeguards. Preparation of designs (survey maps, existing plans, design drawings, licenses, bill of quantities, specifications and bidding documents...etc.). In addition to assist in the preparation, review and comment on individual procurement plans, infrastructure and services maintenance, designs, specifications and bidding documents.
- (ii) *Projects implementation and supervision*: build the capacity of targeted localities to implement the projects and assist them in the supervision including reporting on progress of implementation, monitoring of indicators, and compliance with the standards as delineated by the MDLF.
- (iii) *Ensuring compliance with technical and fiduciary aspects*: build the capacity and provide guidance to targeted localities on technical and fiduciary aspects of project preparation and implementation to ensure compliance with MDLF's procurement, financial, social and environment safeguards (including provision of mitigation measures) procedures.

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.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

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

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00 A.M. 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 **11/02/2019**.

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