



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

Country: Palestine

Sustainable Urban Growth Pilot Projects: Gaza, Hebron, Ramallah-Al-Bireh, and Nablus Urban Areas
Reference No.: GZ-MDLF-164006-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. Concretely, the project will strengthen the institutional and technical capacity of participating urban areas (Ramallah area, Nablus area, Bethlehem area, Hebron area, and Gaza City) to plan for sustainable urban growth. The project will be implemented by the Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) and technically overseen by Ministry of Local Government (MoLG).

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) as the implanting agency for the projects intends to use part of the grant for consulting services to hire a Consultancy Firm to conduct the above-mentioned assignment.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR's) for the assignments 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).**

Objectives of the Assignment:

The primary objective of the assignment is to design four pilot urban interventions as part of the implementation of the ICUD Project in Gaza City, Hebron, Ramallah-Al-Bireh, and Nablus urban areas. The projects cover design and place making activities associated with work to an existing city center park (Gaza City), developing a network of 'pedestrian friendly streets' (Ramallah-Al-Bireh Urban Area), developing a network of 'complete streets' with light traffic-junction management and street redevelopment (Hebron Urban Area), and improvements to the bus transit system (Nablus Urban Area). These projects aim to create a stimulus for urban regeneration through place making and urban design that targets key public spaces and corridors that are central to each of the urban areas.



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 3:00 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 **09/02/2021**.

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