



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

Country: Palestine

Assignment Title: Analysis of transport development in Hebron and Nablus

Reference Number: GZ-MDLF-57573-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. The project will be jointly implemented by the Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) that manage procurement, financial management, safeguard, and reporting for the project and the Ministry of Local Government (MoLG) responsible for technical oversight of the project. The project will work with the local government units (LGUs) in Ramallah, Bethlehem, Hebron, Nablus, and Gaza City urban areas through its intra-urban area coordination mechanisms. The objective of the capacity development support for urban growth planning is to respond to the needs of growing population and private sector with more sustainably and efficiently planned urban spaces and infrastructure.

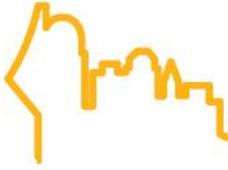
The MDLF, as the delegated procurement, financial management, safeguard, and reporting agency of ICUD, intends to use part of the ICUD Grant from the World Bank (WB) fund to hire a consulting firm to implement the “**Analysis of transport development in Hebron and Nablus**” assignment.

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

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 Assignments:

The consultant will conduct an Analysis of Transportation Development in Nablus and Hebron Urban Areas taking into consideration the existing road network (arterials and connectors), current traffic systems and public transportation routes. The objective is to provide a comprehensive assessment for the traffic system connecting all LGUs, evaluation of its efficiency, problems, challenges, solutions, opportunities for advancement, policies, regulations and recommendations. In addition, to construct an implementation plan for the short, medium, and long terms.



More specifically, the following objectives will be followed:

- Review and assess existing public transport system (shared taxis, buses) between the LGUs centers within the targeted urban areas, including public transport terminals/stations, and develop future strategies.
- Assess the current traffic condition between the LGUs in connecting roads, and study the need for new ring roads linking and/or other solutions to improve the connectivity between all the LGUs centers within each urban area.
- Provide an implementation plan with short, medium and long phases to explore the needed strategies, polices, and actions, with different scenarios.

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 **11/12/2018**.

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