Municipal Development and Lending Fund
Municipal Development Program (MDPIICII)
Consulting Services
Request for Expressions of Interest
For
Individual Consultants (4 Consultants)

Country: Palestine
Assignment # 1: Quality Assurance for SDIPs / North WB. Ref No.: 3.1.2.1.30
Assignment # 2: Quality Assurance for SDIPs / Middle WB. Ref No.: 3.1.2.1.31
Assignment # 3: Quality Assurance for SDIPs / South WB. Ref No.: 3.1.2.1.32
Assignment # 4: Quality Assurance for SDIPs / Gaza. Ref No.: 3.1.2.1.33

The Palestine Liberation Organization, for the benefit of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), has received financing in the equivalent amount of 61.97 Million Euro from several Financing Partners including the Agence Francaise de Development (AFD), the Danish Government, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) , the World Bank , the German Development Bank (KFW) , the German Technical Cooperation (GIZ), the Belgium Government, The European Union (EU), the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and the International Cooperation Agency of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG), towards the cost of the Municipal Development Program (MDP) Phase II – Cycle 2, in addition to the PNA contribution.

MDLF as the delegated implementation agency intends to use part of the Grant to hire 4 individual consultants to perform specific tasks under the contract entitled “Quality assurance for the preparation of Strategic Development and Investment Plans (SDIPs) in selected municipalities”; three individual consultants in the West Bank and one individual consultant in Gaza.

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) invite eligible qualified individual consultants to provide information indicating their qualifications, experience and appropriate skills to perform the services. The Consultants should have the following qualifications:

1. At least 10 years of relevant experience in similar projects (strategic, community or development) planning.
2. At least 8 years of experience in working with Palestinian local governments and communities.
3. At least 8 years of management and supervisory experience.
4. Familiarity with the SDIP approach and its requirements.
5. Experience in social accountability and civic engagement.
The objective of the assignment is to support the MDLF team in ensuring quality and oversight of the Strategic Development and Investment Plans (SDIPs) in accordance to the updated SDIP national methodology and approach (2017) adopted by the Ministry of Local Government (MoLG).

The attention of interested consultants 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.

Individual Consultants shall be selected through comparison of qualifications of those who have expressed interest in the assignment.

Individual Consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm from Sunday to Thursday. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below or to one of the 4 emails below according to the geographical area of your selection in the West Bank or Gaza by 31/08/2017.

Dr. Tawfiq Bdeiri
Director General
Address is: Al-Amal Tower, Mecca Street, Al-balou’, Al-Bireh
Tel: 02-2426610
Fax: 02-2426617
Palestinian Authority
E-mail: SDIP-QA-North@mdlf.org.ps
E-mail: SDIP-QA-Middle@mdlf.org.ps
E-mail: SDIP-QA-South@mdlf.org.ps
E-mail: SDIP-QA-Gaza@mdlf.org.ps