



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

Country: Palestine

Assignment Title: Implement Municipal Creditworthiness Self-Assessment Tool for Selected Municipalities in West Bank & Gaza

Reference Number: MDPIICI-2.1.1.D9

The Palestine Liberation Organization, for the benefit of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), has received an initial financing of 130 Million Euros from the World Bank-International Development Association (IDA), Central Government, KFW, Denmark, SDC, VNG, GIZ and AFD towards the cost of the 3rd phase of the Municipal Development Program (MDP3).

The MDP3 is aligned with the PA's long-term strategy to consolidate and strengthen service delivery in the LG sector towards financially sustainable LGUs, as specified in the MoLG's Sector Strategy 2017-2022.

MDP 3 is at the center of a series of interlocking interventions by the multi donors in collaboration with the central government to strengthen the institutional development, accountability and financial sustainability of local governance and service delivery in Palestine.

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 Consultancy Firm to conduct the “**Implement Municipal Creditworthiness Self-Assessment Tool for Selected Municipalities in West Bank & Gaza**” 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 invite 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:

To ensure sufficient starting for the subject of creditworthiness, MDLF intends to assess municipalities' financial health and to identify specific actions to improve their financial performance, financial management, and access to external financing (borrowing & donor funding).



In specific, the assignment aims to provide a basic overview of the many technical, management, and governance issues relating to municipal borrowing that include but not limited to:

- Identify and Prioritize Creditworthiness Challenges.
- Create Preliminary Action Plan.
- Develop capacity-building packages to empower the municipalities' creditworthiness based on the findings of the assessment, the *consultant* will analyze the common weakness of the municipalities that address the actions to be taken to enhance the municipalities' capacity and capability to become creditworthy.

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 Consultants' Qualifications (COS)** 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 **04/07/2021**.

Mr. Mohammad Ramahi

Director General

Address is: Al-Amal Tower, Mecca Street, Al-Balou', Al-Bireh

Tel: 02- 2426610

Fax: 02-2426617

Palestine

E-mails: Credit@mdlf.org.ps