



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

**Country:** *Palestine*

**Assignment Title:** *Joint strategic spatial & investment plan for the targeted urban areas*

**Reference Number:** *GZ-MDLF-242981-CS-CQS*

The Palestine Liberation Organization, for the benefit of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) has sought grant financing from the World Bank for the ***Integrated Cities and Urban Development Project (ICUD)***, which aims to assist participating urban areas to enhance their capacity to plan for sustainable urban growth. The project is supporting the urban planning of five leading Palestinian urban areas including Ramallah-Al-Bireh, Bethlehem, Hebron, Nablus, and Gaza City through their intra-urban area coordination mechanisms. The project intends to respond to the needs of growing population and private sector for more sustainably and efficiently planned urban spaces and infrastructure. ICUD is jointly implemented by the Ministry of Local Government (MoLG), which is responsible for technical oversight of the project, and the Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF), which manages the fiduciary, safeguards, and reporting aspects of the project. The MDLF intends to engage the services of Consultants to ***“Joint strategic spatial & investment plan for the targeted urban areas”***.

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 ***“Joint strategic spatial & investment plan for the targeted urban areas”*** assignment.

**The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR's) for the assignment can be viewed at MDLF website: [www.MDLF.org.ps/TOR](http://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 primary objective of the assignment is to formulate a Joint Strategic Spatial and Investment Plan (JSSIP) for each of the four urban areas, to facilitate sustainable forms of urban development, enable social justice, and jointly deliver capital investment. These urban areas are of strategic importance with the potential to serve as the engine of national growth and development due to their population size (representing over 25% of national population) and their potential for future economic growth. Achieving growth and development in sustainable forms, and in a manner that is inclusive and just, is essential to building long term resilience. This ambitious proposal can only be achieved if the spatial planning components of the JSSIP are underpinned by a strategic investment plan that is jointly developed by the participating LGUs, and which focuses on the essential priorities for joint investment across each urban area. This will require a strong political commitment by the LGUs, ministries, and donors/funders, to plan, fund, and deliver projects.

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 (CQS)** 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 **29/08/2021**.

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