



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

Country: Palestine

Location: West Bank (6 different assignments)

Assignment # 1: Support the preparation of Strategic Development and Investment Plans (SDIPs) in selected municipalities / Hebron Governorate (18 municipalities)

Reference No.: 3.1.1.1

Assignment # 2: Support the preparation of Strategic Development and Investment Plans (SDIPs) in selected municipalities / Hebron and Bethlehem Governorates (18 municipalities)

Reference No.: 3.1.1.2

Assignment # 3: Support the preparation of Strategic Development and Investment Plans (SDIPs) in selected municipalities / Jerusalem, Jericho and Ramallah Governorates (24 municipalities)

Reference No.: 3.1.1.3

Assignment # 4: Support the preparation of Strategic Development and Investment Plans (SDIPs) in selected municipalities / Ramallah and Salfet Governorates (26 municipalities)

Reference No.: 3.1.1.4

Assignment # 5: Support the preparation of Strategic Development and Investment Plans (SDIPs) in selected municipalities / Jenin, Tubas and Qalqilia Governorates (24 municipalities)

Reference No.: 3.1.1.5

Assignment # 6: Support the preparation of Strategic Development and Investment Plans (SDIPs) in selected municipalities / Nablus and Tulkarm Governorates (23 municipalities)

Reference No.: 3.1.1.6

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

MDPIII 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 III 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 the implanting agency for the project intends to use part of the grant for consulting services to hire Consultancy Firms to conduct the **above-mentioned assignments** which will be conducted in selected municipalities in the West Bank .

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. **The consulting firms must submit a separate EOI for each assignment according to the corresponding e-mails below and can apply for one or more assignments in different envelopes where every assignment will have a separate dedicated team, each envelope must be clearly marked with the name of the assignment.** 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 main objective of the assignments is to provide technical assistance and support to selected municipalities in developing their Strategic Development and Investment Plans (SDIPs) taking into considerations the updated SDIP national methodology (2022) in accordance to the new approach that includes subjects related to climate change and social profile adopted by the Ministry of Local Government (MOLG).

The scope of this assignment is to ensure the quality, in terms of process and outputs, of the consultancy firms that are supporting municipalities in developing the SDIPs according to updated manual. While performing this assignment, the Consultant should adhere to the updated methodology that includes the concept of Climate Change and Social Aspects regarding the steps and procedures specified in the Updated Procedure Manual of the Strategic Development and Investment Planning (SDIP) for Palestinian cities and towns (2022) that was prepared by MOLG.

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 **25/08/2022**.

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