



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

Country: Palestine

Assignment Title: Municipal Ranking Update – end of MDPIII-Cycle II

Reference Number: 4.3.5.CII

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). MDLF intends to use part of the grant for consulting services to conduct the "Municipal Ranking Update – end of MDPIII-Cycle II", and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

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 above mentioned assignment.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR's) for the assignment can be viewed at MDLF website: <u>www.MDLF.org.ps/TOR.</u>

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 firm is requested to review and verify the supporting documents received from the municipalities, conduct onsite inspection of all municipalities, document the results and then update municipal ranking based on the MDPIII ranking system with 21 KPIs. The firm will also determine baseline values for 19 suggested KPI's for MDP IV ranking system.

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**" **November 2020**, 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 subconsultancy. 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 <u>Selection based on Consultants'</u> <u>Qualifications (CQS)</u> 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 **18/01/2023**.

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