**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**(CONSULTANT SERVICES – SELECTION OF FIRMS)**

**Country:** IRAQ

**Project name:** Reconstruction of Hawija Technical Institute

**Sector:** Higher Education and Scientific Research, TVET Sub-Sector

**Consulting Services:** Project Management Consultancy (PMC)

**Mode of Financing:** Installment Sale

**Financing No.:** IRQ1050

The Reconstruction Fund for Areas Affected by Terroristic Operations- Iraq has received a financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the Reconstruction of Hawija Technical Institute Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for Project management.

The Project Management Consultancy Service (Sub-component D.4): the scope considers supporting the Executing Agency (EA)/ Project Management Team (PMT) in project management, procurement and contracting, financial management, disbursement, and M&E of the project as per the IsDB procedures and guidelines.

The Project Management consulting firm under IsDB financing will be recruited who will be tasked to provide necessary management services support to the EA/PMT. Specifically, the key scope of service includes but not limited to:

1. Manage procurement process in accordance with relevant IsDB guidelines, including generating final contracts’ tender/ bidding documents upon validation and approval of designs and BOQs by the design review and supervision consultant.
2. Support the PMT in preparation and maintaining appropriate accounts, including processing of the withdrawal applications and disbursements;
3. Preparation of periodic progress reports and completion reports in formats agreed on with IsDB and EA;
4. and monitoring all contracts, including development and maintaining effective M&E system.

The Consultant service expected to start in June 2022 and last approximately 3 years, with intermittent input from the Consultant’s key experts. The Consultant at all times would maintain sufficient Project management-based staff, with clear allocation of duties, to deliver the professional services needed.

The Reconstruction Fund for Areas Affected by Terroristic Operations (REFAATO) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide specific information which demonstrates that they are fully qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

The short-listing criteria are:

1. the Consultant conforms with IsDB eligibility rules;
2. the Consultant is expected to have wide work experience in the field of Project management of infrastructure projects in social sector;
3. the Consultant’s experience of managing at least two projects of a similar nature and complexity comparable to the required services, implemented satisfactorily within the last 5 years;
4. The Consultant should have experience in IsDB or other similar MDB funded projects with proven knowledge of MDB’s fiduciary procedures such as procurement, disbursement management and M&E;
5. the Consultant shall be free from conflicts of interest that give rise to a competitive advantage. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs, 1.23, and 1.24 of the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (the “Procurement Guidelines”), setting forth IsDB’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 Quality and Cost Based Selection method from the short-list of consulting firms from the IsDB member counties set out in the Procurement Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours [*09:00 to 14:00 hours*] (local time).

Expressions of interest- in an attempt to ease up the process- may be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person) or via email by February 1st, 2022.

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