

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (SELECTION OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) EXPERT)**

**Country:** Republic of Maldives

**Project:** Support People's Livelihoods in the Fishery Sector in Maldives through Sustainable Energy

**Consulting Service:** Individual Consultancy Service for Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Expert

**Mode of Financing:** Instalment Sale and Grant

**Financing No:** MDV1012

The Republic of Maldives has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the *Support People's Livelihoods in the Fishery Sector in Maldives through the Sustainable Energy Project*, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the contract of consultant services of an Individual Consultant for which this Expression of Interest is issued.

The services include services of a Solar (PV) Expert who would support the establishment and development of Solar PV systems and provide technical advice to manage project activities. In summary, the consultant would be responsible for providing technical and programming implementation, support and oversight, and knowledge and capacity development services related to the project. It is expected that total 36 person-months estimate experts inputs will be required for this assignment, with an estimated completion date of July 2024. Aforesaid individual consultant's contract is expected to commence in **July 2023**.

The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: [www.trade.gov.mv](http://www.trade.gov.mv)

The Ministry of Economic Development now invites eligible consultants ("Individual 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.

The shortlisting will be drawn up following the evaluation of CVs and useful information in response to this notice of expression of interest including references. Potential candidates will be required to provide information on their general qualifications as an individual consultant, their mission-relevant experience, their experience in the region and sector as well as their language ability as in the Terms of Reference.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the selection method applicable to Individual Consultants as defined in the *IsDB Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultant Services under IsDB Project Financing* (April 2019 edition).

### **Required Expertise and Qualifications**

- Minimum Bachelor's Degree qualification in relevant field (solar energy, marine engineering, engineering) with 10 years of experience, OR minimum MQA level 5 or equivalent vocation training in relevant field (solar energy, marine engineering, engineering) with 20 years of experience.
- Masters degree in relevant field is preferred.
- Proven record of similar consultancy services (at least 1 study in the last 5 years) evaluated based on quantity, relevancy and timeline of services.
- Experience in the Maldivian/ other similar region's fishing industry and a good understanding of industry dynamics is an added advantage.

- Experience with donor funded projects such as projects implemented by IsDB will be an added advantage
- Fluency in written and spoken English is a requirement

The attention of interested Individual Consultants are invited to read Clauses 1. 23 and 1.24 of the IsDB *Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultant Services under IsDB Project Financing*, April 2019 edition (the "Procurement Guidelines") setting forth the IsDB's policy on conflicts of interest.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 08:00 to 16:00 hours (local time). Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form accompanied by the CV and any other document (in person, mail, or by fax or by e-mail) to the address below no later than **1400 hrs on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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