

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (SELECTION OF REFRIGERATED SEA WATER (RSW) 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 Refrigerated Sea Water (RSW) 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 Refrigerated Sea Water (RSW) Expert who would support and provide technical guidance to the Project Management Unit (PMU) and to the beneficiaries regarding technical specification and installation of RSW systems. 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 3.5 person-months estimate expert's 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**, and is considered a Time-based contract.

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

The Ministry of Economic Development now invites eligible consultants ("Individual Consultants") to indicate their interests 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 for shortlisting 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).

Shortlisting Criteria (Required Expertise and Qualifications)

- Minimum Bachelor's Degree qualification in relevant field (refrigeration, marine engineering, cold storage) with 10 years of experience, OR minimum MQA level 5 or equivalent vocation training in relevant field (refrigeration, marine engineering, cold storage) with 20 years of experience.
- Master's 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 **1600 hrs on 25th June 2023.**

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