**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Country: **Republic of Uzbekistan**

Name of Project: **Awqaf Development in Uzbekistan**

Consulting Services: **Establishment of the Legal Framework and Regulations for Awqaf in Uzbekistan**

Mode of Financing: **Grant**

Financing No. **UZB1025**

The Republic of Uzbekistan has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the Awqaf Development in Uzbekistan, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services.

The services include to create an enabling legal, regulatory and supervisory environment for the establishment and development of Awqaf in Uzbekistan.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.

The Committee on Religious Affairs under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan 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 shortlisting criteria are:

1. Specific experience of the Consultant (as a firm) related to the assignment;
2. Adequacy of the proposed work plan and methodology in responding to the Terms of Reference (TOR).

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”, April 2019 edition), setting forth IsDB’s policy on conflict of interest which is available on the Bank’s website at https://www.isdb.org/project-procurement/documents

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 CQS-MC method with shortlist of firms from IsDB Member Countries set out in the Procurement Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 18:00 hours (Tashkent time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail (example DHL), or by e-mail) by January 13, 2024.

 **The Committee on Religious Affairs under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

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