**GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

*Country Name* – Republic of Tajikistan

*Project Name –* Joint IsDB/ISFD-GPE-OFID Project for Support to Implementation of the National Education Development Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan (Phase-II)

*Project code -* TJK1043

*Model of Financing –* IsDB Loan and Installment Sale

The Republic of Tajikistan has applied for financing in the amount of US$ 45.0 million equivalent from the Islamic Development Bank towards the cost of the Joint IsDB/ISFD-GPE-OFID Project for Support to Implementation of the National Education Development Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan (Phase-II), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works and related services as well as consulting services to be procured under this project. This project will be jointly financed by the Global Partnership for Education, OPEC Fund for International Development and Government of the Republic of Tajikistan. The estimated total project cost is US$ 86.0 million.

The project will include the following components:

**Component 1: Learning Environment Upgrading:** This component aims to improve access to a student-friendly education environment through construction of 53 schools and equipping them with suitable furniture, digital infrastructure, laboratory equipment and teaching and learning materials under the following sub-components: (i) Sub-component 1 – School infrastructural development, (ii) School Furniture and laboratory equipment, and (iii) Digital infrastructural development.

Procurement of civil works for construction of schools as well as procurement of school furniture, laboratory and digital equipment will be through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method.

**Component 2: Improving the Quality and Efficiency of Education Services:** This component will focus on improving the quality of education, teaching and learning assessments. It will focus on three key aspects of the Competency Based Education reform namely: 1) CBE based curriculum reform and upgrade; 2) Improving teacher preparation and professional development systems, and 3) integrating a system of student assessment. It will comprise of the following key sub-components: (i) Sub-component 1: Competency Based Education (CBE) Based Curriculum Reform and upgrade, including improvement in curriculum structures, development of curriculum framework, revision of subject-specific curricula, establishing a new approach to developing learning materials, and enhancing education system capacity and roll out of CBE based curricula. (ii) Sub-component 2 – Teacher professional development reform covering improvement of pre-service and in-service teacher programs, pre-service methodology courses, implementation of the new model of pedagogical practicum and capacity building and institutionalization of Continuous Professional Learning (CPL). (iii) Sub-component 3 – Learning Assessments & Achievement Monitoring which will include review and upgrade of National Learning Assessments (NLA), grading scale transition and development/ roll out of school level competency based summative assessment, including its piloting in sample of schools. This component will be implemented by UNICEF through Single Source Selection method.

**Component 3: Support for Project Implementation:** This component will include consultancy services for reviewing the detailed design, preparation of bidding documents and evaluation reports, and supervision of project activities and M&E. A consultancy firm will be selected from a shortlist of member country firms based on QCBS method.

**Component 4: Financial Auditing Services:** Under this component, a domestic financial auditing firm will be hired to ensure a comprehensive fiduciary assurance to IsDB on the overall project delivery. The engaged financial audit firm will review project financial statements and prepare audit reports and conduct audit of special account. A local certified auditing firm will be selected from a short list of local firms based on the Least Cost selection method.

Procurement of contracts financed by the Islamic Development Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and related services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (**April** 2019 edition amended as of February 2023) and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines. Consulting services will be selected in accordance with the Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (April 2019 edition amended as of February 2023).

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be bid under the Islamic Development Bank’s national competitive bidding (NCB) procedures and for contracts for consultancy services will be announced, as they become available, in IsDB or DgMarket portals, web-site of the Executing Agency, and local newspapers (as applicable).

Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works and consulting services for the above-mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should confirm the Beneficiary at the address below:

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Notice: Potential bidders desiring additional information on the procurement in question or the project in general should, unless indicated otherwise, contact the project agency and not the IsDB.