**Invitation for Expression of Interest (IEOI) – Individual Consultant**

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*Date 25/04/2024*

**Hiring a Consultant to Support in Preparation of Lot 4 Left Bank Structures bidding documents and assistance during tendering for Rogun Hydropower Plant Project , Tajikistan**

1. The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) is hiring individual consultant to support IsDB project team in oversight and improve complaint-handling mechanisms, if any to better manage procurement processes for IsDB-financed Construction of Rogun Hydropower Plant (Left Bank Structures) Project in Tajikistan.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Services are attached and can be obtained by emailing [EAnwar@isdb.org](mailto:EAnwar@isdb.org) (cc: [arkenzhegulov@isdb.org](mailto:arkenzhegulov@isdb.org)). IsDB will select and engage the Consultant in accordance with the IsDB Corporate Procurement Policy.

2. IsDB now invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) and proposals from potential individual applicants for consideration by IsDB in selecting the consultant.

3. Applicants who wish to submit an EOI for proposal should complete the EOI Forms in Annex-II and submit it through email to the following authorized representatives of IsDB by **May 17, 2024:**

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**Annex-I:** Terms of Reference

**Annex-II:** EOI Form

**Annex-1**

**Terms of Reference**

**Preparation of Lot 4 Left Bank Structures bidding documents and assistance during tendering**

* 1. **Background**

The Rogun Hydropower Project (Rogun HPP) in Tajikistan is a large Project under construction on the Vakhsh river. It is intended to provide energy for domestic (Tajik) customers and export revenues. The Project is located about 110 km East-North East of Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan. After a number of stop-and-start construction cycles since the 1970s, the Project implementation was resumed in 2008 with financing from the Government of Tajikistan.

A detailed World Bank financed techno-economic assessment of different alternatives of Rogun HPP was started in 2011 and completed in 2014. The Study concluded that, subject to specified design modifications and the implementation of the identified mitigation and monitoring measures, any of the Rogun dam alternatives could be built and operated at the Rogun site within international safety norms.

The assessment study included an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and a detailed economic analysis the results of which showed that all studied alternatives could be adequately mitigated and would have an overall beneficial impact on the Tajikistan electricity system across all sensitivities, with the highest dam alternative generally showing the greatest benefit across most sensitivities.

Considering the long duration of the construction period an early impounding and early generation concept was adopted. A smaller Stage 1 Dam, embedded in the Main Dam, allows raising the reservoir level before dam completion. A temporary power intake and two temporary units were designed to make this early generation possible. This would allow for early generation of benefits during the lengthy implementation stage of the project.

After the completion of the assessment studies, the Government decided to pursue construction of the Rogun HPP for the alternative with the highest dam (335 m) and largest generation capacity (3,780 MW[[1]](#footnote-1)). The consultants (a joint venture of Tractebel Engineering and Electroconsult) were hired and further design work was undertaken.

Bidding documents were prepared for four engineering-procurement-construction (EPC) lots: Electro-mechanical Equipment, Main Dam, Right Bank Structures, and Left Bank Structures. Expressions of interest were invited in early 2015, followed by prequalification, and then by submission of bids in early 2016. Salini Impregilo (now Webuild) was awarded the contract for Lot 2 (Main Dam), with the contract being signed on July 1, 2016. Webuild hired their own design Consultants and construction of the Main Dam is proceeding. Award of the other three lots were delayed due to financing constraints. The contracts for Lot 1 (Electro-mechanical Equipment) and Lot 3 (Right Bank Structures) were awarded in 2021, whereas the contract for Lot 4 (Left Bank Structures) has not yet been awarded.

The construction schedule developed during the Rogun assessment studies was based on a substantial amount of works being completed and/or initiated prior to awarding the main construction contract(s) of the project. These Pre-Contract Works included constructing a third Diversion Tunnel DT3. Most of these works have already been implemented through a number of different contractors (Russian, Iranian, Tajik).

The pace of implementation has been impacted by the availability of financial resources. The financing constraints impact the construction rate and exposes the Project to significant risks, for instance from sedimentation and floods.

In April 2020, the President of Tajikistan requested the World Bank to evaluate the options for financing the completion of the Rogun Hydropower Project (the Project) in a sustainable manner. In response to this request the World Bank commissioned a Financing Options Study. The Study was prepared by World Bank staff with inputs from external consultants, and shared with the Government in November 2021. The Study focused on various aspects of the project, including an overview of the implementation progress, and presented an outline of the typical requirements of international development partners that would need to be fulfilled by the Government and OJSC “Rogun HPP” to enable consideration for financing the Project.

In view of this objective, OJSC Rogun HPP (referred to as “the Client” herein) and of the Republic of Tajikistan, decided to proceed with the main construction activities of Rogun HPP, contracting the main works that remain to be constructed with international and experienced contractors and suppliers, and consultancy services, under procurement guidelines of World Bank for other lots, and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) for Lot 4 Left Bank Structures.

Further to the involvement of the IsDB in the Rogun HPP Project for Lot 4 Left Bank Structures and Financial Auditor, a highly qualified and experienced Procurement Auditor Specialist, i.e. Procurement Consultant, is sought to provide comprehensive expert oversight on procurement processes to ensure effective and compliant management of all procurement activities within the project. The Specialist will play a critical role in ensuring compliance with IsDB's procurement policies and procedures, as well as identifying areas for improvement and risk mitigation. The related services will be financed by funds provided by the IsDB.

It was agreed the tender procedure of (i) Lot 4 shall follow the procurement guidelines of the IsDB’s Guidelines for the Procurement of Goods, Works and Related Services under IsDB Project Financing, (April 2019 edition, revised in February 2023) and the (ii) Financial Auditor under the Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultants Services under IsDB Project Financing, (April 2019 edition, revised in February 2023), using the relevant IsDB Standard Procurement Documents.

IsDB Anti-Corruption Guidelines version January 2012 on Preventing and Combating with Fraud and Corruption Practices shall also apply to this project. It is the duty of the IsDB Group under its Articles of Agreement to make arrangements to ensure that funds provided by the IsDB Group are used only for their intended purposes.

Consequently, the Conditions of Lot 4 Left Bank Structures Contract should follow the General “Conditions of Contract for Construction for Building and Engineering Works Designed by the Client (“Red book”) Second edition 2017” and IsDB “Particular Conditions”, amendments and additions to such General Conditions. Hereafter are the Terms of Reference for the Services of the International Consultant for Procurement Auditor Specialist for Lot-4 Left Bank Structures Bidding.

# Scope of services

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) is seeking a highly qualified and experienced International Procurement Auditor Specialist to provide expert oversight and assurance on procurement processes and practices across various projects and initiatives. The Procurement Auditor Specialist will play a critical role in ensuring compliance with IsDB's procurement policies and procedures, as well as identifying areas for improvement and risk mitigation, and not limited to the following assignment:-

* + Conduct independent audits and reviews of procurement processes and practices across IsDB-funded projects, ensuring compliance with IsDB's policies, guidelines, and best practices.
  + Assess the effectiveness of internal controls related to procurement activities, identifying weaknesses and recommending improvements as necessary.
  + Review procurement plans, bidding documents, and contract agreements to ensure compliance with IsDB's standards and requirements.
  + Evaluate the fairness, transparency, and integrity of procurement processes, including bid evaluations and contract award decisions.
  + Identify instances of fraud, corruption, or other irregularities in procurement activities, and recommend corrective actions to address these issues.
  + Prepare audit reports documenting findings, conclusions, and recommendations for management action, and ensure timely submission to relevant stakeholders.
  + Liaise with project teams, executing agencies, and other stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of audit recommendations and address any issues identified during audits.
  + Provide guidance and support to project staff and implementing partners on procurement audit-related matters, including training and capacity building initiatives.

**Confidentiality and Fairness:** Throughout the process, the Consultant will ensure confidentiality, fairness, and impartiality, reporting any potential breaches to IsDB immediately.

# Missions

The Procurement Auditor Specialist will carry out 4 missions in Tajikistan (otherwise the Services will be carried out from the Consultant’s home country):

* Mission A for Prequalification Evaluation (Task 1) :
* Mission B for Bidding Document Preparation (Task 2) :
* Mission C for Bid evaluation (Task 3):
* Mission D for Assistance with Contract awards (Task 4)[2:](#_bookmark1)

# Consultant’s Requirements

The proposed Procurement Auditor Specialist for the study shall collectively meet the following requirements:

* Familiarity with the Rogun HPP Project and its current implementation status;
* Contract management expertise, including experience with FIDIC Conditions of Contract;
* Construction experience on large hydropower projects, with large dams and hydraulic tunnels.

The Procurement Auditor Specialist shall compose at least the following qualification requirements.

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| **Key Expert** | **Qualification and Experience Requirements** |
| Procurement Specialist | Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering (Minimum) OR Master’s Degree in Civil Engineering (Preferred) OR Construction Law with at least 20 years of overall experience including at least 15 years of  direct participation in the preparation, tender evaluation and contract award for large civil works projects; must have full familiarity with FIDIC Contract Documents as well as extensive knowledge of International Financial Institutions’ procurement rules and guidelines. |

2 This scope is part of the Time Based Contract.

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# Schedule and Deliverables

The Client plans to select the Contractor so the contract can be awarded by Q3/Q4-2024 and the mobilization and works can start immediately after, according to the following tentative schedule: Tentative schedule of Lot 4 Prequalification, Bidding and Contract award and dedicated Consultant services:-

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| **Item** | **Start date** | **Finish date** |
| Indicative Signature Date of Lot 4 Consultant  Contract | 15/6/2024 |  |
| Prequalification Phase (for bidders) |  |  |
| Prequalification evaluation | 16/6/2024 | 16/7/2024 |
| Tender Preparation Phase |  |  |
| Reception of all documentation and information from the Client and the Lot 4 Designer | 1/7/2024 |  |
| Preparation of Bidding documents | 16/7/2024 | 17/8/2024 |
| Pre-Bid process | 19/8/2024 | 19/8/2024 |
| Tender Phase |  |  |
| Start of Bidding process | 21/8/2024 |  |
| Bid Preparation (by Contractors) | 21/8/2024 | 21/10/2024 |
| Bid evaluation | 21/10/2024 | 21/11/2024 |
| Contract Phase |  |  |
| Draft Contract Negotiation | 1/12/2024 | 15/12/2024 |
| Contract Award | 15/12/2024 | 30/12/2024 |

The Procurement Auditor Specialist will prepare and submit the report corresponding to the prequalification documents, PQ Evaluation Report, Instructions to Bidders, Conditions of Contract, Bid Evaluation Report. The Reports will be delivered in one (1) draft and one (1) final revision only. The reports shall be prepared in English (language of reference) for draft and final versions. Each report shall be delivered in electronic format only.

# Terms of Payment

The schedule of payment is specified below:

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| **Description** | **% of Contract**  **Value** | **Amount (US$)** |
| 1. Successful completion and satisfactory performance of Task 1. Evidence: +  Consultant Report on Pre-qualification Process | 25 |  |
| 2. Successful completion and satisfactory performance of Task 2. Evidence: +  Consultant Report on Preparation Process | 25 |  |
| 3. Successful completion and satisfactory performance of Task 3. Evidence: +  Consultant Report on Bid evaluation Process | 25 |  |
| 4. Successful completion and satisfactory performance of Task 4. Evidence: +  Consultant Report on Contract Award Process | 25 |  |
| Total | 100% |  |

Failure to provide any of the deliverables will lead to the non-performance of the entire assignment.

**Annex-II: Expression of Interest (EOI) by Applicant**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I have read carefully your Invitation for Expression of Interest for the captioned assignment/project and find the Terms of References (TOR) and Scope of Work match my skill mix and experiences for providing the services required in the TOR. I would like to express my interest being considered for the Shortlist. I understand that IsDB does not have an obligation that I must be shortlisted.

I have attached to this EOI supporting documents highlighting the relevant expertise and Experience for your consideration. Some of the key information is highlighted below:

1. **Personal Profile** :

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| Nationality:  Date of Birth:  Permanent Address:  Phone No.:  Email: |

1. **Qualification of the Consultant:**

*Notes to consultant: Please indicate all relevant qualifications and professional accreditations that make you suitable for the assignment. Indicate relevant qualification, place from where the qualification was obtained, year etc]*

1. **Past Consultancy Assignment References**

*[Notes to consultant: Please select most relevant consultancy assignments you have recently completed to demonstrate your technical qualifications and experience. ]*

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1. **Eligibility Declaration**

I, the undersigned, certify to the best of my knowledge and belief:

I have read terms of reference (TOR) and Scope of Work (Appendix A), for this assignment.

I confirm that the project references submitted as part of this EOI accurately reflect the experience of myself.

I confirm that I have never been convicted of an integrity-related offense or crime related to theft, corruption and fraud.

I understand that any misrepresentations that knowingly or recklessly mislead or attempt to mislead may lead to the automatic rejection of the proposal or cancellation of the contract, if awarded, and may result in further remedial action, in accordance with IsDB’s Integrity and Anti-corruption Policy.

I shall be available for the assignment as per the requirements

1. **Attach CV of yourself**

Signature Name:- Surname

1. The installed capacity was subsequently increased to 3,780 MW (6x330) as a result of further studies. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)