

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

AZERBAIJAN

“Construction of the Main Irrigation Canal from the Maiden Tower Reservoir Project”

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Mode of Financing: Installment Sale and IsDB Grant

Financing No. AZE 1024

The IsDB is hereby providing Installment Sales financing of US\$96.48 million to cover part of the financing costs of the “Construction of The Main Irrigation Canal from The Maiden Tower Reservoir Project”.

The project will include the following components.

Component 1: Climate Resilient and Smart Water Management Infrastructure Development and Agricultural Productivity Enhancement (US\$ 96.48 million). This will develop a climate-resilient and smart water resource management system through the construction of a main canal with a length of 52 km and a sub-discharge capacity of 50 cubic meters per second from the Qiz Qalasi reservoir area on the Araz River and 252 km irrigation pipeline network on the liberated lands in Jabrail and Fuzuli regions located along the Araz and providing reliable irrigation services in the Mil-Mugan zone. This component aims to develop climate-resilient and smart water management systems, improve efficiencies, and provide canal infrastructure protection measures and advanced irrigation techniques (such as Pivot Sprinklers, drip irrigation systems, etc.) to support sustainable agricultural growth of the project area. It will also support the development of smart monitoring and control systems, including SCADA, to provide real-time data management and maintenance for effective resilience against climate variability. The component also enables private sector investment opportunities, aligning with global sustainability trends and promising substantial returns through value addition and sustainable and efficient agricultural practices while establishing upstream facilities and enabling mid and downstream for Agro-Parks.

Component 2—Project Engineering Review and Construction Supervision Consultant Services (US\$ 4.02 million): This component will provide support for reviewing the project’s detailed design, preparing the bidding documents for selecting the contractors, assisting the Executing Agency (EA) in the selection process, and supervising the project implementation.

Component 3 – Support to the Project Management Unit (US\$ 1.48 million): This component will provide support for the Project Management (PMU) in terms of: (i) recruitment of additional technical staff (Procurement, Environmental Safeguard, Project Financial Management, and M&E Specialists) and payment of monthly allowances with related running costs.

Component 4 – Capacity Building (US\$ 1.4 million): This component will consist of the institutional and livelihood capacity development of:

- Institutional capacity of the EA’s staff and relevant partners (Amelioration, Hydrometeorology Agencies, and Ministry of Agriculture) relating to the improved and efficient water management system (hydrometeorology, early warning system capability enhancement, operation & maintenance, etc.). It will consist of enhancing the technical and operational capacities of Amelioration and Hydrometeorology agencies and integrating their activities with the Ministry of Agriculture. The initiative aims to establish a real-time Digital Platform between agencies to improve water resource management practices by Agro-parks

and communities and enhance agricultural productivity, value addition, and climate resilience in the liberated areas of the Jabrayil and Fuzuli regions. The platform will be established using the Earth Observation (EO) technologies and data from the project area, and extension services for the end beneficiaries will be created with nominal payment to sustain the platform and scale up to other areas, and

- Livelihood capacity development of the project's beneficiaries in the liberated area consisting in enhancing the livelihoods of communities in the liberated areas by empowering communities and local farmers with the necessary skills, resources, and support to engage in sustainable agricultural practices and alternative income-generating activities for mainly youth and women. A comprehensive capacity development plan with targeted training programs and support for the development of long-term business plans will be provided to local communities on non-agriculture livelihood activities and farmers on modern agricultural techniques, value addition to products, efficient irrigation practices, and sustainable farming methods.

Component 5—Project's Audit (US\$ 0.1 million): This component will support the annual audit of the project's Special Account.

Component 6 – Contingency Emergency Response Component: This standalone zero-value component is embedded in the Project to allow for the use of the present Project resources to cover emergency response activities in case of highly unpredictable events such as disasters, pandemics, etc., as a support to the Government's rapid emergency response efforts in the future. This can be done by reallocating Project funds, subject to a prior consultation with the IsDB.

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, revised in 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, revised in February 2023).

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be bid under the Islamic Development Bank's International Competitive Bidding – Limited to IsDB's Member Countries (ICB/MC) procedures and for contracts for consultancy services (QCBS-MC and LCS methods) will be announced, as they become available, in IsDB Website and at project's website info@adsea.gov.az

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 contact the Beneficiary at the address below:

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