**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**SELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL PROCUREMENT CONSULTANT**

Country: Kazakhstan

Name of Project: Climate Resilient Water Resources Development Project (Phase-1)

Sector: Water Resources

Mode of Financing: Installment Sale, Loan and Grant

Financing No: KAZ1030

The Republic of Kazakhstan has applied for financing in the amount of USD 1,153.50 million equivalent from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient Water Resources Development Project (Phase-1), 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 but not limited to:

1. prepare and assist the PMU staff in the preparation of all sorts of bidding documents for works, goods and non-consultancy services (if needed) and RFPs for consultancy services in accordance with the Loan Agreement and review the completeness of the documents before submission of the document to the Islamic Development Bank for “no objection”.
2. prepare and review the administrative/commercial parts of the procurement documents, as well as support/review the preparation of the technical specifications, BOQs, TORs, etc. of the bidding documents/RFPs and ensure the consistency of these sections with the other sections of the bidding documents/RFPs and make necessary recommendations for changes/or make the changes where required.
3. assist the PMU in preparing the Addendum to the bidding documents/RFP's including clarifications to the questions raised by the Prospective bidders.
4. evaluate/provide assistance for the evaluation of bids/proposals also on technical base and preparation of standard evaluation reports and shall review the completeness of the documents before submission of the document to the Islamic Development Bank for “no objection”.
5. assist to arrange the publication of bid notices, request for expression of interests and award notices in the national and international market.
6. assist the PMU in the implementation and monitoring of contracts, in establishing good document filing system and in providing contract information for disbursement needs.
7. assist/undertake training of PMU staff on the Islamic Development Bank procurement procedures.
8. assist PMU in preparation and/or updating of other procurement-related documents for the project, such as the Procurement Plan, Project Operations Manual, Project Procurement Strategy for Development, etc.
9. collaborate with the Financial Specialist regarding budgeting, disbursement projections and financial aspects of project procurement, including contracts.
10. perform other activities in procurement entrusted by the PMU.

The assignment is expected to commence immediately and to span until October 2028, considering that any slippages in the schedule might occur. The total estimated staff days will be around 360 days on intermittent basis.

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

The RSE “Kazvodhoz” now invites eligible consultant (“Individual 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.

The shortlist 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 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.

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)

**Minimum Qualification Requirements**

Bachelor degree or equivalent in in economics, engineering, law and possess relevant experience in procurement;

Minimum General Experience: 20 years of relevant professional experience;
Minimum Specific Experience (relevant to assignment): 12 years of relevant professional experience with at least 4 similar assignments in field of water resources

Minimum 10 years of experience in projects about irrigation systems, pump stations and wells, dams and hydroelectric power plants, water distribution networks. Knowledge on technical issues, such as civil works, electrical, electromechanical works would be considered as an advantage

Minimum 8 years of experience on automation in water networks with at least 5 projects

Experience in managing procurement under IFIs/MDBs financed projects. Experience in projects financed by IsDB would be considered as an advantage.

Fluent in English, knowledge of Russian/Kazakh Language shall be considered as advantage.

Experience in the region shall be considered as advantage

The attention of interested Individual Consultants is invited to read clauses 1.12.1 and 1.12.2 of the Procurement Policy 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 individual consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours ***09:00 to 17:00* (local time).**

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) must be submitted in written form, accompanied by a Curriculum Vitae (CV) and any other relevant supporting documents. Submissions may be made in person, by mail, fax, ***or e-mail. However, submission of the original proposal by post is preferred.***

***All EOIs must be received no later than 14 days after the official publication of the REOI, and in any case no later than August 6, 2025.***

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