REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTANT SERVICES)

IRDP-QCBS-MC-01
Republic of Uzbekistan

**Country**: Uzbekistan

**Sector:** Rural Infrastructure Development

**Project:** Integrated Rural Development Project. Phase-II

**Mode of Financing:** Installment Sale

**Source of finance:** IsDB Financing: Financial agreement No UZB-1038

**Package reference**: IRDP-QCBS-MC-01: Monitoring and Evaluation Consultancy services

1. The Government of Uzbekistan has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) for financing of the “Integrated Rural Development" project. The Beneficiary intends to apply part of the proceeds of the financing to payments under the contract for the Monitoring and Evaluation Consultancy services of the Project.
2. The Joint Project Implementation Unit 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.).
3. The consultancy services include:
* The objective of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) consultancy is to conduct independent monitoring of the project progress, project impacts and the achievements of the Project development objectives: (a) Provide independent and continuous feedback to the PMU on the project's performance and progress in implementation; (b) Monitor and provide feedback on the success in meeting the project objectives, and assess its physical, social, financial/fiscal, and economic impacts; (c) Develop and implement a web-based project monitoring system and to train the concerned parties. The project monitoring system will consist of important information covering the following aspects: Performance monitoring of the community facilitators teams; Progress on development of CDPs, including publication of CDPs; Progress in implementation of physical interventions in the field as compared with the prepared implementation schedule / work schedule by the contractors; Contract performance management (physical and financial progress); monitoring of physical and financial progress of all contracts, including georeferenced visual reports.
* Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) is an indispensable tool of project management. The acknowledged need to improve the performance of development assistance calls for close attention to the provision of management information, both to support the implementation of projects and programs and to feedback into the design of new initiatives. M&E falls within the Project Management component of the project and it is proposed that it is carried out by a team of international/national consultants, working with M&E specialists of the Employer
1. Hereby the Joint Project Implementation Unit (JPIU) invites eligible consultancy firms from IsDB member countries to express their interest in providing above services. Interested Consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the necessary qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.
2. Selection Methodology and Shortlisting Approach:

The selection of consultants will be conducted in accordance with the IsDB Procurement Guidelines, following the procedures specified in the Islamic Development Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Beneficiaries, using the Quality- and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method as outlined in the Project Appraisal Document (PAD) and the approved Project Procurement Plan (PPL).

1. **Evaluation criteria include:**

*General experience:*

* At least 5 years of proven experience in Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)
* Demonstrated experience working on projects financed by international financial institutions such as IsDB, World Bank, ADB, etc.
* Prior work in the sectors of rural development, infrastructure, contract management and sustainability.

*Specific experience in similar environments:*

* Work in the similar sector.
* Work in a similar environmental, social, geographical context particularly in Central Asia including Uzbekistan or other regions with similar climate.
1. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a Joint Venture (JV) or a Sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The association must include a signed Joint Venture Agreement or Letter of Intent, clearly indicating the lead firm and the roles and responsibilities of each member. Only the experience of the lead firm and joint venture partners will be considered for shortlisting. Sub-consultants’ experience may be referenced but will not contribute to this stage.
2. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to 1.12.1 and 1.12.2 paragraphs of the Procurement Policy of the Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultancy Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing April 2019 (Revised February 2023), setting forth IsDB’s policy on conflict of interest.
3. Interested consultancy firms may obtain further information at the Joint Project Implementation Unit (JPIU) office from 09.00 to 18.00 hours (GMT +5).
4. “A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality- and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Guidelines. Type of shortlisting of eligible firms will be from IsDB Member Countries
5. The services will be provided for until the end of the project implementation period end of 4th Quarter, 2028 (38 months), 6 calendar months for project grace period for final evaluation report (with a reduced number of personnel). The consulting services contract is expected to start in October 2025.
6. Expressions of interest must be delivered at the address below by 16:00 GMT+5 on 15th of September 2025, and must be marked “Expressions of Interest for Monitoring and Evaluation Consultancy Services of the Project ‘Integrated Rural Development’ Phase-II.” Submissions may also be sent electronically via email to: b.atavullaev@uzrd.uz (*for international participants only*). Expressions of interest must be in English with Russian translation. In case of any discrepancy between the original and the translated versions, the English version shall prevail.

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1. Late submissions will not be accepted. All expressions of interest and supporting documents must be submitted in English.