

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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Country: Republic of Uzbekistan

Project ID: -P000374-UZB

Project: Bukhara region water supply and sewerage project (Phase-2)

Assignment title: Consulting services to assist the organization implementing the project in the preparation of tender documentation, project management and construction supervision.

Package number: BWSP2/QCBS-3

The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan has received financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) towards the cost of the «Bukhara Region Water Supply and Sewerage Project (Phase-2)» in the amount of US \$ 248.4 million to cover water supply and sewerage costs for the project in accordance with the General Procurement Notice dated 12 April 2022. The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan intends to use part of the loan for consulting services.

JSC "Uzsuvtaminot" as the Project Implementing Entity (PIE) invites Consultants (competent consulting companies or joint ventures) that meet the requirements below to submit an Expression of Interest. Consulting services include consulting services to assist the organization implementing the project in the preparation of tender documentation, project management and construction supervision. The Consultant's Terms of Reference contains all the information about the consultant's responsibilities and an interim draft is available at the address below.

The purpose of the consulting services is:

An international consulting firm or joint venture (the Consultant), together with national experts experienced in water supply and sewerage projects, will be required to assist in the following: preparation of tender documents, monitoring of the procurement process, assistance in conducting competitive bidding, evaluation of bids and conclusion contracts with the successful bidder, contract management, project management including review and analysis of detailed design documents, supervision of construction, installation, testing and commissioning, supervision of environmental and social management, and preparation of required progress reports execution of work and capacity building of UZST in project management. The Consultant will also be responsible for the financial management of activities related to the implementation of the Project, providing accounting assistance, issuing payment certificates, etc. Also, the Consultant will monitor during supervision the compliance of the Project with the schedule and quality, meeting standards and within budget.

The consulting company will be selected on the basis of Quality and Cost Selection (QCBS), including a complete and separate sealed technical proposal and sealed financial proposal, in accordance with the AIIB Procurement Instructions for Recipients. The contract is expected to be awarded in the 1st half of 2025 and with a duration of 4 years from the date of the contract.

Participants must provide comprehensive information, including a brochure (company profile, contract duration, amount, total project cost, percentage of participation, start and end date) reflecting their qualifications to achieve maximum scores in evaluation, in particular:

- Experience of successful implementation of at least 2 projects in the field of water supply or sewerage systems as a leading consulting company with a consulting budget of at least 5 million US dollars for the period from January 1, 2019.

- Proven experience in project management in the field of water supply or sewerage of at least 2 projects with a consulting budget of at least \$ 5 million USD for the period from January 1, 2019.
- Financial stability of the company – the presence of an annual turnover of at least 5 million US dollars for any of years from January 1, 2019 years.
- The company’s experience in at least 2 projects in the field of water supply or sewerage systems financed by IFIs with a project cost of at least \$ 100 million USD.

Also please pay attention that if the EoI is provided by a joint venture, each member of the joint venture must meet at least the following portion of requirements independently:

1. In case of 1 partner in JV - 60% for the Leader and 40% for the Partner
2. In case of 2 partners in JV - 60% for the Leader and 20% for each Partner
3. In case of 3 partners in JV - 40% for the Leader and 20% for each Partner

Key Experts will not be assessed during the shortlisting stage.

Note: It is noted that in order to carry out the expected services, the Consultant, its local partner or specialized sub-consultant will need to provide compliance of design documentation with local design standards prepared by the Consultant during the project implementation. Also, having a license from the Ministry of Construction of the Republic of Uzbekistan for design activities is an advantage during implementation, but not a requirement.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section 2, paragraphs 2.3.5 of the AIIB Procurement Instructions for Recipients setting forth the Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. Consultants can partner with other firms in a joint venture to enhance their qualifications. In the case of a joint venture (JV), all members of the JV will be assessed separately for shortlisting purposes and are jointly and severally liable for the assignment and sign the contract if the JV contract is awarded.

Interested consultants should clearly indicate the structure of their association and the responsibilities of partners and sub-consultants in their proposal. A vague definition of expressions of interest using terms such as “in common with” and / or “in affiliation with”, etc., may result in not being considered for shortlisting. While maintaining the principle of one expression of interest for the firm, the consulting firm can decide whether it wishes to participate as a sub-consultant, or as a stand-alone consultant, or as a partner in a joint venture. Note, that a firm must submit only one EoI in one selection process, either independently as a consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. No firm can submit a proposal as a sub-consultant in one and an independent participant in another EoI. A firm, acting as a sub-consultant to any EOI, may participate in more than one EOI, but only as a sub-consultant. The experience of the sub-consultant will not count towards the shortlisting.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in electronic or paper form by 16:00 (Tashkent time) March 3, 2025 to the address below. Late applications will not be accepted. The EoI must be prepared in English. Expressions of interest must be clearly labelled as “*Consulting services to assist the organization implementing the project in the preparation of tender documentation, project management and construction supervision.*”

All interested companies can download the Terms of Reference by clicking on the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qk2c-i8J0uEAK-kkOWxZ168uW7MUloy1/view?usp=sharing>

Additional information can be obtained at the address below during business hours from 9:00 to 17:00 Tashkent time.

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