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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Republic of Tajikistan

Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project

Grant No.: D860-TJ

Assignment Title: Preliminary and detailed examination of the building of the Center laboratory of the State Committee of Food Security.

Reference No. SRASP AF-2023-CS-CQS

A. Introduction.

The Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project is an IDA grant in the amount of US\$ 108 million prepared to support Tajikistan for the purpose of foundations for a more resilient agriculture sector referring to the availability of public agricultural services, including improved seeds, seedlings, and planting materials; agri-logistical services; agrometeorological information, soil testing, locust control and crop protection.

The project aims to support the Government of Tajikistan (GoT) in successfully transitioning to a sustainable, more productive, climate resilient, and inclusive model of agricultural sector growth. The proposed project will help to:

1. increase the availability of improved seeds, seedlings, and planting materials that are climate resilient, affordable, farmer-preferred, and well adapted to the different agro-ecological conditions of Tajikistan;
2. improve the access to improved agri-logistic services of farmers and agri-businesses; and
3. strengthen the crisis management, i.e. early warning,

preparedness, and response capacity of selected public institutions.

All activities related to human resource development and capacity building will include topics on understanding climate change better and frameworks, tools, and techniques to facilitate designing and implementing climate adaptation and mitigation approaches. The Project is implemented by State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU).

B. General scope of the services.

Stage 1 (preliminary or general survey)

1. General inspection of the object.
2. Familiarization with design and assessment of the documentation.
3. Visual inspection of constructions.
4. Instrumental inspection with identification of defects.
5. Performing verification calculations.
6. Tentative assessment of the condition of constructions.

Stage 2 (Detailed Examination)

1. Geological survey
2. Sampling and testing of materials.
3. Testing of inspected constructions by non-destructive methods
4. Processing of results and their evaluation
5. Testing of concrete strength of constructions, permeability of concrete, frost resistance of concrete.
6. Checking the strength of stones and mortar, frost resistance of stones, thickness of masonry joints, void size and moisture content of masonry.
7. To check with the design the number and location of reinforcement, the strength of reinforcement, to analyze that during the installation of reinforcement laying deviations from the project in reinforcement were made.

8. Drawing a conclusion on the results of the detailed inspection

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website:
https://aedpmu.tj/en/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/final_tor_for_preliminary_investigation_eng.pdf

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST & INFORMATION

The State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

Firm Qualifications

The Consultant will be a firm or consortium of firms with proven experience in similar assignments. The Consultant shall meet the minimum qualifications and experience requirements:

- Professional experience of at least 5 years in conducting surveys and assessment of conditions of the construction, detailed design, and cost estimation for construction.
- Proven successful experience in implementing at least 2 similar contracts over the past 5 years;
- Availability of competent personnel with the necessary experience appropriate to the Assignment;

The credibility of mentioned experience shall be presented in a list of the required similar projects/contracts as required above, including a description of services provided (including information on contract value, contracting entity/client, project location/country, duration, assignment budget,

percentage carried out by consultant in case of association of firms or subcontracting and main activities) and accompanied by certificates/confirmation of orderly fulfilment of the contracts verified by other party from such contracts.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016; date of last revision September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected following the Consultants Qualifications Selection (CQS) procedure set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Expressions of interest must be submitted to the aedpmu.hr@gmail.com e-mail address by July 30, 2024, at or before 17:00 hours local time.

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