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SEED DISTRIBUTION FOR AGRICULTURAL CROPS PROCEEDS EFFICIENTLY

The development of agriculture is one of the priority areas of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, with officials consistently paying comprehensive attention to ensuring the country's food security.

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the World Bank, specialists from the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" are continuing the distribution of high-quality onion and wheat seeds across the country this year, just as they did last year, as part of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector" project, in accordance with the established plan.

It should be noted that the distribution of high-quality seeds began on September 13, 2024, in cities and districts throughout the republic and is aimed at increasing the productivity of agricultural crops and ensuring the food security of the country.

The imported varieties of onion seeds include Seykhan – 1.2 tons, Albani – 3 tons, Khazar – 3 tons, and the wheat varieties include Grom – 200 tons, Alekseevich – 400 tons, and Temiryazevka 150 – 500 tons. These high-yield varieties are adapted to the climatic conditions of Tajikistan and are intended for distribution among more than 7,000 small, vulnerable farms across the republic.



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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

Country: Republic of Tajikistan

**Project: Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector
Project, Additional financing**

Grant No.: E1450-TJ

**Assignment Title: Monitoring and evaluation to determine the
eligibility of the selection of vulnerable farms before
distribution of seeds and small farm equipment**

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): SRASP/CS/CQS-2024-03

The Republic of Tajikistan has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”, additional financing and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) for monitoring and evaluation to determine the eligibility of the selection of vulnerable farms before distribution of seeds and small farm equipment.

The State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Project Management Unit 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. The shortlisting criteria are:

- a. Legal status recognized by the Republic of Tajikistan and allowing the firm to perform the above-mentioned tasks in accordance with national legislation;
- b. The firm shall have experience in conducting surveys, developing methodology and questionnaires for conducting surveys, as well as in conducting trainings and field work for at least 10 years, confirmed by constituent documents, copies of earlier implemented contracts, letters of recommendation/positive reviews of organizations.
- c. Availability of own field network in all regions of Tajikistan, confirmed by staffing or contracts with regional offices
- d. The local firm or NGO staff includes at least 5 specialists with experience in research and analytical work in the field of marketing as the head of a firm, department, project or leading researcher/analyst for at least 5 years.

The credibility of mentioned experience shall be presented in a list of the required similar project/contracts as required above, including 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" September 2023

("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants' Qualifications selection (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website:
https://aedpmu.tj/en/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/draft_tor_m_e_eligibility_vulnerable_farms.pdf

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0800 to 1700 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) **by October 7, 2024 11:00 a.m.**

State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development"
Attn: Ms. Mashhura Samadova – Chief procurement officer
17 Bokhtar street, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
Tel: (+992 44) 221 03 85
E-mail: procurement.srasp@gmail.com

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Quality seeds – guarantee of high yield

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project annually imports high quality certified seeds from abroad. These measures are aimed

at increasing crop yields, ensuring food security and developing seed production. Seeds are provided to seed producing, farming and vulnerable households throughout the country.

It is important to notice that on September 15, 2024, 7200 tons of high-quality onion seeds (Seyhan varieties – 1200 tons, Albeni – 3 tons and Hazar – 3 tons) were imported from the Republic of Turkey. According to the plan, the seeds were distributed to 1,209 small vulnerable farms across the country.

All imported seeds are certified, high-yielding and adapted to the climatic conditions of Tajikistan, aimed at developing the agrarian sector and ensuring food security.



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Collection of seed potatoes in Sughd region

The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project this year provided high quality potato seeds of elite groups “Evolution”, “Picasso” and “Arizona” to farmers of seed potato farms. These seeds were distributed throughout the country to the project beneficiaries.

This year, due to favorable weather conditions and timely compliance with agrotechnical norms, the yield of crops, especially potatoes, turned out to be high. Currently, harvesting has started in the towns of Mastchoh, Devashtich, Shahrison and Isfara in Sughd Province.

In the process of determining the expected harvest, the industry specialists noted that this year’s crop turned out to be excellent and decisive steps will be taken to further develop seed production.

In addition, during the official visit, the agency specialists

familiarized themselves with the social and environmental requirements of the project at the seed farm level. They monitored labor conditions, including working conditions of women farmers and minors, and checked compliance with safety rules. The process of wheat seed storage in warehouses was also reviewed.



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Rapid Cotton Harvesting in Khatlon Region

This year, according to the plan, seeds of elite cotton varieties “Laser,” “Lima,” and “Ramzes”, provided by the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” as part

of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project were planted on an area of 2366 hectares. The seeds were distributed among seed production farms and institutions.

Farmers in the region were able to significantly improve cotton crop growth by strictly following agro-technical recommendations and are striving for a high yield. Specialists in the course of approbation have found that the yield of cotton fields is very high, and with stable fall weather, an excellent harvest is expected.

Currently, harvesting is carried out in Shakhritus, D/F Kudrat Rais, D/F Shahzamonbabo, D/F Kubodiyon, C/C "Avesto-5", J. Balkhi, C/C "N.Begov", Vakhsh, C/C "Nufuzi Vakhsh", C/C "Aslam" and in Farhor district in commercial cooperatives "Shamshod-05", "Dusti-60", "Shahi Akhtamjon". The works are being carried out at a high pace, and in some of these farms the first harvest has already been gathered.

Farmers express their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for continuous support, including provision of quality seeds with high yields. They are determined to complete the harvest on time and without losses.



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**Celebration of Independence Day at the State Institution
“Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”**

On September 6, 2024, a solemn meeting was held at the office of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” in honor of the State Independence Day.

At the beginning of the event, Daler Satori, director of the institution, opened the meeting and sincerely congratulated those present on this significant holiday. He noted that due to independence, prosperity, national unity and constant efforts of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, especially the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon, our country has achieved significant successes, and its people live in an atmosphere of peace, stability, mutual understanding and unity.

Since the beginning of independence, despite numerous difficulties and obstacles, we have laid the foundations of a sovereign state and achieved significant successes in

political, economic, social and cultural spheres, and most importantly, in improving the standard of living and quality of life of our citizens. However, the most valuable gift and the greatest achievement remains our State independence.

From the first days of independence, the Tajik people have shown honesty and heroism in the process of reconstruction and formation of the new state, ensuring security and peace in society, political and economic stability. Thanks to their labor, power plants, tunnels, enterprises, institutions and highways that meet international standards have been built. Today, many of our problems have been solved and our hard-working people are ready to tackle new large-scale tasks for the development of the country.

After the Director's speech, a number of staff members made insightful and informative speeches on the achievements of the independence period. They emphasized that the country's independence is a priceless gift, a symbol of sovereignty and patriotism, a sign of identity and freedom, as well as a source of pride and honor.

At the end of the event, the Director once again congratulated those present and all citizens of the country on this important date, wished health, well-being, happiness, victories and success in their daily lives and activities.



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**Request for Bids
Goods
(One-Envelope Bidding Process)**

Country: Republic of Tajikistan

Name of Project: Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project (SRASP)

Contract Title: Procurement of: Laboratory equipment and reagents for soil analysis packed in 4 lots.

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: D8600-TJ

RFB Reference No.: TJ-SRASP-RFB-G21

The number and identification of lots (contracts) comprising this RFB is:

Lot #1: TJ-SRASP-RFB-G21-1 – Procurement of specialized laboratory equipment for soil analysis.

Lot #2: TJ-SRASP-RFB-G21-2 – Procurement of laboratory accessories for soil analysis.

Lot #3: TJ-SRASP-RFB-G21-3 – Procurement of auxiliary equipment for soil analysis.

Lot #4: TJ-SRASP-RFB-G21-4 – Procurement of laboratory

reagents for soil analysis.

1. The Government of Tajikistan has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project (SRASP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Procurement of: Laboratory equipment and reagents for soil analysis packed in 4 lots.

2. The State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Project Management Unit now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Procurement of: Laboratory equipment and reagents for soil analysis packed in 4 lot:

3. Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated July 2016, revised September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Project Management Unit and inspect the bidding document during office hours from 8:00 AM to 17:00 PM at the address given below.

5. The full package of bidding document in English may be obtained by interested Bidders upon the submission of an official letter to the address below. The document will be sent by the AED PMU procurement email.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below by **October 17, 2024 15:00 hrs** (Dushanbe time). Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **October 17, 2024 15:10 hrs.** (Dushanbe time)

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security** of: for Lot #1: US\$9 000.00; Lot#2: US\$ 2 800.00; Lot #3: US\$ 3 000.00; Lot #4: US\$ 1 000.00;

8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring

the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

9. The address(es) referred to above is (are):

For the purpose of inquiries and receipt of tender documents:

To: Satori D.A. PMU Director

Address: 17 Bokhtar street, I.Somoni district, Dushanbe city

Office / Floor: 12th Floor

City: Dushanbe

Country: Tajikistan

E-mail: procurement.srasp@gmail.com

For the purpose of Bid submission and opening of the Bids:

State Committee on Investment and State Property Management of Republic of Tajikistan

Address: 27 Shohtemur street

Office / Floor: Office No. 9, 1st floor

City: Dushanbe

Country: Republic of Tajikistan

Box: No:1

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Invitation / Administrative Specialist – 1 position. – AED PMU

State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development"
Project Management Unit Strengthening Resilience of the
Agriculture Sector Project (SRASP)

EMPLOYMENT: Administrative Specialist – 1 position

• Background

The Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project is an IDA grant in the amount of US\$ 58 million prepared to support Tajikistan for the purpose of foundations for a more

resilient agriculture sector refer 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. All infrastructure, including buildings, offices, laboratories, and storage facilities, constructed and/or rehabilitated by the project, will be encouraged to utilize energy-efficient and climate-resilient materials and designs. The proposed project aims to thereby strengthen the foundations for more resilient agriculture sector, which will in turn help improve food security and nutrition and accelerate agricultural diversification. It will also contribute to the development of a viable sector of private micro, small and medium enterprises in rural areas and generate employment opportunities for women in regions with few legal alternatives.

The Project is implemented by State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU).

• **Project Objective**

The development objective of the proposed project is to strengthen the foundations for a more resilient agricultural sector in Tajikistan.

State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Project Management Unit Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project (SRASP) invites qualified specialists with relevant work experience to participate in the competitive selection for the vacant position of Administrative Specialist .

Scope of work:

AED PMU Administration Specialist will be responsible for administrative aspects of AED PMU. He/she will report to the AED Director and provides administrative support to the entire AED PMU. Administration Specialist will be responsible for the following tasks:

- Provide oversight of the property of the PMU and be responsible for their using and maintenance and supplies.
- Ensure that the minutes of the meeting and the Director of the AED PMU written instructions, distributed and implemented properly.
- Monitor the timely execution of documents.
- Ensure that an effective system of registration documents.
- Ensure timely preparation and submission of required reports on the project.
- Ensure the proper functioning of the activities of the AED PMU, monitor the condition of the premises, communication systems, transportation, etc.
- If necessary, provide work with admission documentations, transfer and dismissal of AED PMU staff and its subsidiaries in accordance with the current legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan.
- Monitor AED PMU staff performance, especially secretary-clerk, drivers and cleaners.
- Establish and maintain lists of working hours (time sheet) of employees.

- Coordinate procurement, finance and planning AED PMU office.
- Ensure proper organization of the programs mission's visit to the AED PMU office.
- Ensure the safety of AED PMU property.
- Perform other duties as required from time to time.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- University degree or equivalent qualification
- At least three years of work experience in an office or administrative work, preferably with international organizations.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Excellent computer skills with a strong working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, etc.).
- Excellent oral and written communication skills Tajik and Russian languages, English is an advantage.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

A cover letter (maximum 2 pages) and resume (maximum 3 pages) clearly demonstrating how candidates meet the basic qualifications and asset criteria should be sent to: State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" at aedpmu.hr@gmail.com with **"Administrative Specialist"** in the **subject line no later than September 19, 2024 by 5:00 pm.**

Only complete packages will be considered.

Applicants for the position of Administrative Specialist will be selected in accordance with the procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines for the Selection and Recruitment of Specialists.

The full Terms of Reference (TOR and Scope of Services) can be found at the following address: 17 Bokhtar street, 12th floor, Dushanbe city, Republic of Tajikistan, State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" (SI AED PMU).

e-mail: aedpmu.hr@gmail.com; website: www.aedpmu.tj.