

September 30, 2024

**Request for Bids
Works**

(Two-envelope Bidding Process Without Prequalification)

Employer: State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit

Project: Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project

Contract title: Construction of Agro Logistics Centers (ALC): Lot 1. Construction of ALC in Balkhi District; Lot 2. Construction of ALC in Khujand City.

Country: Republic of Tajikistan

Grant No.: D860-TJ

RFB No: SRASP/RFB/CW-2024-01

Issued on: 30 September 2024

1. The Republic of Tajikistan has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contracts for the Construction of Agrologistic Centers (ALC): Lot 1. Construction of ALC in Balkhi District; Lot 2. Construction of ALC in Khujand City.

2. The State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Construction of Agrologistics Centers (ALC): Lot 1. Construction of ALC in Balkhi District; Lot 2. Construction of ALC in Khujand City. The construction period of the facilities is 18 months (each). Defect Notification Period is 12 months. Construction works consist of excavation works, foundation, frame installation, installation of beams, construction of ladders, electrical works, water supply and sewerage, roofing, flooring, finishing works, etc. The margin of preference shall not apply.

3. Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the

World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers-Procurement in Investment Projects Financing" Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers dated July 2016 and revised in September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations. The Single-Stage Two-Envelope procedure will be used as described in the Bidding Document and please refer to paragraphs 3.14, 3.15 for the World Bank's conflict of interest policy.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Project Management Unit, procurement.srasp@gmail.com, and inspect the Bidding document during office hours from 09:00 AM to 17:00 PM at the address given below.

5. The Bidding document in the English language will be obtained free of charge by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address given below under bullet 9. The Bidding document will also be posted on the SRASP website at www.aedpmu.tj.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below by 26 November, 2024, 15:00 hrs Dushanbe time. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. The outer Bid envelopes marked "ORIGINAL BID", and the inner envelopes marked "TECHNICAL PART" will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below on 26 November, 2024, 15:00 hrs. Dushanbe time. All envelopes marked "FINANCIAL PART" shall remain unopened and will be held in the safe custody of the Employer until the second public Bid opening.

State Committee for Investments and State Property Management of the Republic of Tajikistan,
Address: Republic of Tajikistan, Dushanbe, 27, Shotemur str., first floor, office 10.

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of LOT 1. US\$70,000 (seventy thousand) or the equivalent in

freely convertible currency.

LOT 2. US\$70,000 (seventy thousand) or the equivalent in freely convertible currency.

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 inspection and obtaining purposes:

State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Project Realization Unit (SI AED PMU) office

Mr. Daler Satori, Director

Street: 17 Bokhtar str.,

Floor/Room number: 12th floor

City: Dushanbe

Country: Tajikistan

procurement.srasp@gmail.com,

www.aedpmu.tj

For submission and opening purposes:

The State Committee on Investments and State Property Management of the Republic of Tajikistan (Goscominvest)

Street address: 27 Shotemur Street

Floor/Room number: Ground floor, room No.10, Tender unit

City: Dushanbe

Postal code: 734025

Country: Republic of Tajikistan

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Renovation and Reconstruction Works at the Institute of Crop Production of the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan pays close

attention to the development of various sectors of the country, taking necessary measures to create favorable conditions for specialists in these fields.

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution 'Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development,' within the framework of the 'Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project,' is carrying out the renovation and modernization of several scientific and educational buildings under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences, applying modern and contemporary architectural solutions.

As part of the first component of the project, high-quality painting of the external facade of the building of the Institute of Crop Production of the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences was completed, covering an area of 1,325 square meters. Additionally, three entrances were repaired and renovated, covering an area of 13 square meters.

The building of the research institution, which has been known as the Institute of Crop Production since Soviet times, continues to operate effectively. This year, the external facade underwent a complete overhaul, with the surrounding fences and windows repaired and repainted.

Furthermore, the roof's drainage pipes, emergency staircases, and the doors of the main entrance were replaced.

Throughout the construction process, all details of the renovation were carefully considered to ensure the long-term durability of the building.



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Specific Procurement Notice

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

Country: Tajikistan

Name of Project: Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project

Contract Title: Procurement of agricultural equipment in 3 lots for vulnerable farmers in all the regions of the Republic of Tajikistan

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: IDA Grant # E1450-TJ

RFB Reference No.: SRASP AF/G/RFB-2024/05

1. The Republic of Tajikistan has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project", and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for "Procurement of agricultural equipment in 3 lots for vulnerable farmers in all the regions of the Republic of

Tajikistan".

2. The State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Project Management Unit (AED PMU) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for lots as follow:

| No. | N Lots: | Name of procurement |
|-----|---------|---|
| 1 | Lot 1 | <i>Procurement of equipment for planting, harvesting and sprayings for vulnerable farmers in all the regions of the Republic of Tajikistan namely: 40 No. Potato planter; 40 No. Potato harvester; 40 No. Hanging garden hose sprayer; 40 No. Hanging garden fan sprayer; 40 No. Rotary mower; 40 No. Thresher machine.</i> |
| 2 | Lot 2 | <i>Procurement of equipment for soil preparation for vulnerable farmers in all the regions of the Republic of Tajikistan namely: 150 No Three-furrow plough; 150 No. Three-furrow garden plough; 40 No. Milling tool; 40 No. Mounted cultivator-ridger; 40 No. Chisel cultivator; 40 No. Mounted disc harrow; 40 No. Tailed spring harrows; 40 No. Rotary tedder.</i> |
| 3 | Lot 3 | <i>Procurement of 40 units of grain seeder, 40 units of fertilizer and seed spreader, 40 units of vegetable seeder and 40 units of tank semi-trailer for vulnerable farmers in all the regions of the Republic of Tajikistan</i> |

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" July 2016, revised September 2023 Edition ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from AED PMU and inspect the bidding document during office hours from 08:00 to 17:00 at the address given below.

5. The bidding document in English may be received free of charge by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address by November 11, 2024 14:00. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. The outer Bid envelopes marked "ORIGINAL BID", and the inner envelopes marked "TECHNICAL PART" will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below on November 11, 2024 14:10. All envelopes marked "SECOND ENVELOPE: FINANCIAL PART" shall remain unopened and will be held in safe custody of the Purchaser until the second public opening.

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of: (i) Lot #1: USD 15 800 (United States dollars fifteen thousand and eight hundred); (ii) Lot #2: USD 16 300 (United States dollars sixteen thousand and three hundred); and (iii) Lot# 3: USD 14 700 (United States dollars fourteen thousand and seven

hundred).

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: **AED PMU Procurement Department**

Address: **Bokhtar street 17**

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 9, 1st Floor**

City: **Dushanbe**

Country: **Republic of Tajikistan**

Box: **No:1**

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The cotton harvest in Sughd Province is progressing steadily

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution 'Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development,' as part of the 'Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project,' provided seed-growing farms in various cities and districts of Sughd Province with seeds of three high-quality elite cotton

varieties—Lim, Laser, and Ramses—during the planting season.

Motivated by this continued support, farmers (the project's beneficiaries) have cultivated cotton across 840 hectares this year, with 160 hectares sown with the Lim variety, 240 hectares with the Laser variety, and 440 hectares with the Ramses variety.

These imported varieties are distinguished by their high yield potential and are well-suited to local climatic conditions and variations. This year, by adhering to advanced agricultural practices, farmers were able to substantially increase cotton productivity, achieving yields of 20 to 27 centners per hectare during the first harvest.

Currently, the cotton harvest is ongoing in the cities and districts of the province, and farmers are confident that, with favorable autumn weather conditions, the yield from the Lim, Laser, and Ramses varieties could reach up to 40-50 centners per hectare.



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Renovation and Reconstruction Works in Agricultural Research Institutions

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution 'Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development' is carrying out repairs and reconstruction of several scientific and educational buildings under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences as part of the 'Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project.'

As part of the third component of the project, high-quality painting of the entire external façade of the building of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences was carried out, covering an area of 1,979 square meters. In addition, the entrance to the building was repaired and renovated, covering an area of 44.71 square meters.

Moreover, the roof of the research institution, which had been

in a worn-out condition for many years, was completely renovated, covering an area of 1,164 square meters. All the work was completed with high quality.

The conference hall of the research institution, which was in need of major repairs, was renovated over an area of 97 square meters using modern design solutions. During the renovation, doors and windows were replaced, as well as flooring, ceiling, and new chandeliers and air conditioners were installed.

The contractors and workers involved in the construction work took into account all the subtleties of the construction process and, in accordance with the ecological and social standards of the World Bank, carried out high-quality repairs to ensure the building could serve for a long time.

The management of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for their ongoing support.

<https://youtu.be/7ozXDriY1Is>



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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.

