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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, Shahriston 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.

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Meeting of the Steering Committee of "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project"

On September 3, 2024, in the hall of the National Library of the Republic of Tajikistan, a meeting of the Steering Committee of "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" was held.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, who is the Chairman of the Steering

Committee, as well as representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, executive bodies of state authorities of Dushanbe city, Sogd and Khatlon regions. The event was attended by deputies and representatives of various state structures, in particular representatives of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Committee on Land Management and Geodesy, the Committee on Environmental Protection, the Committee on Food Security and the Customs Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the Sh. Shokhtemur Agrarian University of Tajikistan, Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, representatives of the World Bank, SOFRECO/Bars Consulting, Center for Digitalization of Agriculture, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and other relevant organizations.

The Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, Mr. Hakimzoda Kurbon, opened the meeting and noted: "As you know, in recent years, given the global challenges related to food security and climate change, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan has made a strategic decision to attract additional investments in agriculture. We are focused on stimulating economic and social development of the country, with special attention paid to the agricultural sector. In this regard, we seek active cooperation with our development partners to attract more capital and implement joint initiatives."

By attracting capital and access to modern agricultural technologies, quality certified seeds, and repairing and equipping buildings and laboratories of scientific and educational institutions with advanced equipment, decisive steps have been taken to develop the agro-industrial complex, with special emphasis on seed production. These steps are aimed at strengthening food security and improving the sustainability of agriculture. It is worth noting that the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project"

has made a significant contribution to support seed farms, vulnerable farmers, and agricultural research and educational institutions during its lifetime. It has contributed to the tightening of legislation in this area, which in turn has led to increased production of agricultural products, improved market supply, as well as the creation of new jobs and support for the rural population.

The Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan and Chairman of the Project Steering Committee, Honorable Ziyozoda Sulaimon Rizoi, continued the meeting and noted: "The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Honorable Emomali Rahmon constantly emphasizes at meetings with the people the need for effective use of investment funds for the benefit of the rural population. This not only contributes to the development of agricultural infrastructure in the regions of the republic, but also creates new jobs."

It should be noted that "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" makes a significant contribution to ensuring food security and improving the welfare of the country's population.

This project provides a favorable basis for achieving one of the strategic goals of the Government of the country – ensuring food security.

During the meeting, according to the program, the following speakers took the floor: Daler Satori, Director of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", Boymurod Kurbonov, Deputy Director and Project Coordinator, representatives of Bars Consulting, including Vazirov Jamshed, Agassi Aratunyan, representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and Ilhom Bandayev, Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan. All of them presented detailed reports on the current progress and plans for further development of

the sector.

Following the results of the meeting, a decision was made and specific instructions were given to officials on the implementation of the work plan.



**ICB Contract Award Notice
Tajikistan
IDA GRANT #E-1450**

**PROJECT: STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE OF THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR
PROJECT (SRASP), ADDITIONAL FINANCING**

Bid/Contract Reference No: SRASP AF/G/RFB-2024/08

Scope of Contract: Procurement of 7.2 tons of onion seeds for vulnerable farmers in all the regions of the Republic of Tajikistan

Contract Signature Date: 12/08/2024

Evaluation Currency: USD

Awarded Bidder:

Name: LLC "Navruzi Boston"

Address: Hisor town, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: USD 820 800.00

Evaluated Bid Price: USD 820 800.00

Contract Price: USD 820 800.00

Evaluated Bidder:

Name: LLC "Ahmad Tijorat"

Address: Kulob town, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: USD 756 000.00

Reason for Rejection: Due to non-compliance with the tender documents requirements the bidder proposal was rejected.

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IDA GRANT #E-1450**

**PROJECT: STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE OF THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR
PROJECT (SRASP), ADDITIONAL FINANCING**

Bid/Contract Reference No: SRASP AF/G/RFB-2024/07

Scope of Contract: Procurement 250 sets of two-wheel tractors (motobloks) with additional equipment and 10 units of crawler rice combine harvesters for vulnerable farmers in all the regions of the Republic of Tajikistan

Contract Signature Date: 06/08/2024

Evaluation Currency: TJS

Awarded Bidder for Lot #1:

Name: LLC "Suado JT"

Address: Navrukho village, Lohuti Jamoat, Khovaling district, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: TJS 10 497 000.00

Evaluated Bid Price: TJS 10 497 000.00

Contract Price: TJS 10 497 000.00

Evaluated Bidders for lot #1:

Name: LLC "Zira"

Address: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: USD 564 050.00

Reason for Rejection: Due to non-compliance with the tender documents requirements the bidder proposal was rejected.

Name: LLC "Tojikelektrokomplekt"

Address: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: USD 775 000.00

Reason for Rejection: Due to non-compliance with the tender documents requirements the bidder proposal was rejected.

Name: LLC "Shoyzar"

Address: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: USD 696 937.50

Reason for Rejection: Due to non-compliance with the tender documents requirements the bidder proposal was rejected.

Name: LLC "Lola 2010"

Address: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: USD 650 000.00

Reason for Rejection: Due to non-compliance with the tender documents requirements the bidder proposal was rejected.

Awarded Bidder for Lot #2:

Name: LLC "Suado JT"

Address: Navrukho village, Lohuti Jamoat, Khovaling district, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: TJS 3 388 000.00

Evaluated Bid Price: TJS 3 388 000.00

Contract Price: TJS 3 388 000.00

Evaluated Bidders for lot #2:

Name: LLC "Zira"

Address: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: USD 191 250.00

Reason for Rejection: Due to non-compliance with the tender documents requirements the bidder proposal was rejected.

Name: LLC "Tojikelektrokomplekt"

Address: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: USD 285 000.00

Reason for Rejection: Due to non-compliance with the tender documents requirements the bidder proposal was rejected.

Name: LLC "Shoyzar"

Address: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: USD 298 350.00

Reason for Rejection: Due to non-compliance with the tender documents requirements the bidder proposal was rejected.