

May 7, 2024

**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: Support the nation-wide delivery of facility-based micronutrients and vitamin supplementation activities

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): SRASP/CS/CQS-2023-01

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”) include to support the nation-wide delivery of facility-based micronutrients and vitamin supplementation activities.

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. Proven experience in the preparation of medical sector strategies and programmers.
- b. Experience in the interaction and distribution of vitamins to the public and health workers).
- c. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of different models to sustainably advance medical innovation.
- d. Experience in conducting media campaigns to stakeholders.

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/2024/05/tor_for-distribution-of-the-micronutrients.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 May 21, 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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Provision of equipment and machinery to the State Institution "Locust Control Expedition"

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" in the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project on May 3 this year, with the participation of specialists from the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Committee on Investments and State Property Management and the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" held a ceremony of transfer of agricultural machinery and equipment to the State Institution "Locust Control Expedition".

At the same time, within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, to strengthen the material and technical base, fight against the spread of locust and destruction of locusts 6 tractors MTZ-82.1, 6 Toyota Hilux cars, 6 large tractor sprayers "AGROS" with the possibility of coupling with a tractor, 6 large sprayers with the possibility of mounting on vehicles, 300 units of small motorized sprayers, 300 units of small electric (battery) sprayers and 830 units of personal protective equipment for employees were allocated.

It is worth noting that the institution, as part of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, has also implemented this initiative in 2023.



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Analysis and development of the draft Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on Seed Production

The State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project jointly with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on May 2 this year held a training seminar in the hall of the hotel "Hilton" on "Analysis and development of the draft Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on Seed Production".

Scientists and specialists of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and its sub-structures in the field of seed production, as well as representatives of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, Shohtemur Agrarian University, Food and Agriculture Organization and other relevant structures, including representatives of the authorities participated and made presentations at this workshop.

The Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on Seed Production

consists of 8 chapters and 36 articles. It establishes the legal basis for activities related to production, multiplication, processing, certification, sale of seeds, seedlings and plants, as well as organization, registration of varieties and their control.

The purpose of this event was for scientists and specialists in the field of seed production to analyze this law, express their opinions and propose recommendations for the continuous development of the seed production sector in the country, taking into account climate change and other pressing issues facing the sector today.

After collecting the opinions of scientists and specialists in the field, this law will be sent to the National Council of the Supreme Assembly of the Republic of Tajikistan for making additions and amendments.

<https://youtu.be/Z4biexSi8qo>



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**Specific Procurement Notice
Request for Bids**

Goods
(One-Envelope Bidding Process)

Country: Tajikistan

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

Contract Title: Procurement of 150 units of low power tractors and 150 units of semi-trailers 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-2024/04

1. The Republic of Tajikistan has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project (SRASP), additional financing and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for “Procurement of 150 units of low power tractors and 150 units of semi-trailers 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: Lot #1: “Procurement of 150 units of low power tractor for vulnerable farmers in all the regions of the Republic of Tajikistan” and Lot #2: “Procurement of 150 units of semi-trailers for vulnerable farmers in all the regions of the Republic of Tajikistan”.
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” 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 language may be purchased

by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before June 10, 2024 10:00. 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 June 10, 2024.

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of: USD 21 150 (twenty-one thousand and one hundred fifty) for Lot #1 and USD 5 600 (five thousand and six hundred) for Lot #2 or USD 26 750 for all Lots.

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):

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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

Phone: (+992 37) 221 03 85

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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Working visit of the institution's specialists to seed farms in Khatlon region

Farmers in Khatlon region are effectively using this year's favorable weather and are carefully caring for each plot of agricultural land in an effort to get the desired harvest.

Specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project this week monitored the progress of field work, crop growth and the actual condition of farm seed warehouses, which are used to store seeds, mineral fertilizers and pesticides.

Today farmers (beneficiaries of the project) are working hard to achieve abundant harvest, timely carry out agro-technical measures on cotton and other crop fields.

At present, the fields of grain crops (elite group wheat of varieties "Timiryazovka-150", "Alikseich" and "Grom") are completely cleaned of weeds and are growing well after the completion of fertilization.

Cotton seed fields have already sprouted, and farm workers collectively carried out inter-row processing and cultivation.

In addition, during the field work, specialists discussed with the heads of farms of cities and regions the issues of compliance with social and environmental standards set by the project and the World Bank, in particular, working conditions of employees, agrotechnical requirements and proper storage of crop seeds, mineral fertilizers and pesticides in warehouses.

As part of the work meeting, recommendations were developed for each farm on the proper storage and use of seeds, fertilizers and pesticides in their warehouses.



Progress of field works in Khatlon region

On April 23, 2024, specialists of the state institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project assessed the progress of field works and the current state of storage of agricultural seeds, mineral fertilizers and pesticides in the farms and seed farms of Khatlon region, which are the project beneficiaries.

Favorable spring weather in the region will allow farmers to cultivate cotton seeds of elite varieties "Lima", "Lazer" and "Ramses" on the area of 2341 hectares in the coming days.

At present, the seedlings have already sprouted on most of the cotton fields. Farmers, observing agrotechnical requirements, are starting inter-row cultivation, while irrigating another part of the field. Last autumn farmers of Khatlon region (beneficiaries of the project) sowed 248 tons of high-quality wheat seeds of elite group "Timiryazovka-150", "Alikseich" and "Grom" on the area of 1128 hectares. At present, after agro-technical measures and fertilization, the plants are showing good growth.

At the same time, during the field work, social and environmental compliance specialists of the project held a working meeting with eight managers and farmers of reputable farms (commercial agricultural seed production cooperative "Kulyab" of Vakhsh district, cooperative production farm "Avesta", "Nufuzi Vakhsh", seed production farm "Ergash Sulton", seed production farm "Farrukh", seed production farm "Yusufbek", seed farm "Shokhzamонbobo" and seed farm "Abdurahmon"), cities and districts of Vakhsh, Dusti, Kubodiyon and Shahritus, and discussed working conditions of employees, observance of agro-technical works, correct way of storage of crop seeds, mineral fertilizers, pesticides in warehouses and their safe use, as well as provided useful advice on proper storage of product stocks.



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Monitoring of agriculture crops in Sughd Region

Specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project last week conducted monitoring of agricultural crops such as wheat, corn, potatoes and other plants in Sughd region.

Last autumn, farmers of the Sughd region (beneficiaries of the project) planted high-quality wheat seeds of the elite group of varieties “Timiryazovka -150”, “Alixich” and “Thunder” on an area of 720 hectares. Currently, after the completion of fertilizing, agrotechnical work on the field continues, and the growth of crops remains favorable.

In Sughd region, farmers have already started sowing seeds of high-quality varieties such as “Lima”, “Lazer” and “Ramses” provided by the project. They are determined to make effective use of the favorable spring weather and intend to increase the sown area to 800 hectares within the established timeframe.

At the same time, related specialists constantly carry out

explanatory work in the direction of compliance with social and environmental requirements of the project in particular: control over storage of mineral fertilizers, compliance with safe storage of fertilizers and pesticides, compliance with working conditions, labor monitoring, etc.



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Request for Quotations

Purchaser: State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit (SI “AED” PMU)

Project: Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, Additional Financing

Grant №: IDA-E1450

Name of the Contract: Procurement of office furniture for SI “AED” PMU staff for Dushanbe, Khatlon, and Sugd offices

Identification number: SRASP/S/SH/G0-2024-01

1. The Republic of Tajikistan received additional financing (Grant) from the International Development Association for the implementation of the Project “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector” and intends to use part of the funds for payments under the contract for the Procurement of office furniture for SI “AED” PMU staff for Dushanbe, Khatlon, and Sugd offices.

2. The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit (SI “AED” PMU) hereby invites the eligible bidder to submit their bids for the Procurement of office furniture for SI “AED” PMU staff for Dushanbe, Khatlon, and Sugd offices.

3. Bidding will be conducted through competitive procurement using a Request for Quotation (RFQ) as specified in the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 revised September 2023 (“Procurement Regulations”) and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. All interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit (AED PMU) and inspect the bidding document during office hours from

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at E-mail: procurement.srasp@gmail.com as well as at the address given below.

5. All interested Bidders can obtain a copy of the RFQ which contains detailed instructions for preparation of the quotation in Russian by submitting an official letter to the address below or through email. The RFQ can also be obtained from the office of AED PMU located at the address below or through the email procurement.srasp@gmail.com.

7. Bidders shall submit their quotation in hard copy and must deliver to the address below on or before **April 29, 2024, 10:00 am**. Late offers will be rejected.

The address referred to above is:

For the purpose of receipt and submission of quotations:

To: Satori D.A. – AED PMU Director

Address: Shohmansur district, Jamoat Rossiya, 1 May village, house No:432

Office / Floor: 2nd Floor

City: Dushanbe

Country: Tajikistan