

March 19, 2024

**Congratulations of the Director of the State Institution
“Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” esteemed Daler
Satori on the occasion of Navruz!**

With sincere hopes and best wishes, I congratulate all of you, dear colleagues, on the coming of the great holiday Navruz. I wish you joy and happiness, pride and great achievements in your work during these bright spring days.

A matter of immense pride is that at the initiative of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, the Leader of the Nation, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, the honorable Emomali Rahmon, the ancient holiday Navruz has gained new life and global status, presenting our national history and values to world civilization.

Navruz is considered one of the oldest and most beautiful holidays, which brings fresh energy to both nature and people. It promotes the unity of hearts and inspires creativity, the accomplishment of good deeds, kindness, and carries a cultural mission, spreading knowledge, and, most importantly, contributing to unity and integration.

Another virtue of Navruz is the unity of people and happiness. From this perspective, I also wish you that Navruz, with its bright light, guides you every year along the path of peaceful life, stability, and prosperity of our beloved Homeland in an atmosphere of well-being and mutual understanding.

May Navruz with its unique traditions, rich customs, and abundance of happiness bring prosperity and safeguard you from suffering. May this holiday be remembered by the entire world community as an example of the great wisdom of our ancestors and the most beautiful among all holidays.

Once again, I congratulate you on the arrival of Navruz! I wish your faces always adorned with smiles, and your hearts remain pure and bright, like the sun of this beautiful

holiday. May your mood always be filled with joy, and your table – abound with elegance and wealth.

May happiness, joy, success, and peaceful skies accompany you in all your endeavors.

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INVITATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION

RECRUITMENT: Irrigation Engineering Consultant – 1 position

1. BACKGROUND

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:

- i. 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;
- ii. improve the access to improved agri-logistic services of farmers and agri-businesses; and
- iii. 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 a 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 the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan through the State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" which is the Project Management Unit for the World Bank-funded Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project (SI AED PMU).

In order to eliminate existing water use problems, which are related to dilapidated infrastructure and to ensure access of vulnerable farms to the irrigation system, the project will rehabilitate existing irrigation systems by installing energy-efficient irrigation pumps and carry out minor rehabilitation of existing irrigation networks, including the replacement of obsolete non-operational pumping units serving the existing irrigated areas, as well as minor (emergency) rehabilitation of the inter- and intra-farm irrigation infrastructure for dekhan farms and women-headed farms, which will receive seeds, seedlings, fertilizers, protection equipment and small-size innovative agricultural machinery. The rehabilitation of irrigation systems includes replacement of obsolete non-

operational units, and rehabilitation of inter- and on-farm irrigation infrastructure.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

Irrigation Engineering Consultant will work under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director/SRASP Coordinator, with a direct working relationship with the Construction engineer and Coordinator Component 1 and working as a team with the other project staff. He/she responsible on irrigation engineering work under the project requirements and project plan. In collaboration with relevant agencies and regional Hukumat authorities to provide assessment of the proposed sites under criteria and assist to selection of project site, contribute to preparation design and cost estimated of the sites. They design systems that meet all requirements, protect the structural integrity of the site and comply with all regulations.

Specifically, the Specialist is expected to:

- Meet with Government authorities, relevant agencies and beneficiaries to provision assessment, discuss project objectives, plans and other requirements;
- Review beneficiaries' requests and analyze it, maps, drawings, and other topographical and geologic data;
- Analyze traffic patterns, water supply and flow, and other environmental conditions to identify engineering problems and assess project's potential impact on project target area;
- Develop efficient and cost-effective irrigation designs that meet all requirements;
- Collecting existing materials on the hydraulic unit (operation rules and instructions, annual operation reports, acceptance certificates for the facility, results of field observations and diagnostic work, defect reports from assessment activities, materials related to the repair and reconstruction of the

facility, geological and hydrogeological characteristic materials, as well as documents on measures taken at the facility to reduce the risk of hydraulic unit accidents, project and technical drawings, etc.);

- Prepare site plans, specifications, cost estimates;
- Direct or participate in surveying to establish reference points, grades and elevations to guide construction;
- Develop of ToRs for any consultancy firm for the design and supervision of construction/renovation activities to be supported under the Project;
- Supervision of consultancy for the design and construction assignments to identify main stakeholders for technical meetings;
- Monitor and report on the overall compliance of project investments with building standards in accordance with the principles, procedures and processes laid down in the contracted documentation;
- Liaise with the national and local authorities responsible for irrigation construction legislation and implementation;
- Participate in the bids evaluation committee for opening and evaluation of bidders for the execution of works;
- Assist the Project Director and Project Coordinator in the bid negotiations with the contractor, within the agreed deadline;
- Assist for prepare a Final Report at the end of the defect's liability period no later than one week from the completion and delivery of works.

3. LANGUAGES

The Irrigation Engineering Consultant shall work in the Tajik and Russian languages. Documents shall be prepared in the Tajik or Russian Language.

4. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Having minimum bachelor's degree in irrigation engineering or related field;
- Having at least 8 years civil or structural engineering and irrigation experience;
- At least 5 years field experience in agriculture irrigation installation;
- Proficiency with AutoCAD or other design and geographic information systems (GIS) software;
- At least 3 years of professional experience in similar assignments in the area of supervision (Tajikistan) and/or works assignments related to adaptation, and/or reconstruction and/or construction of public irrigation facilities;
- Participation in the implementation of at least 3 irrigation construction projects;
- Having computer skills.

5. APPLICATION PROCESS

SI AED PMU now invites qualified specialists with relevant work experience to participate in the competitive selection for the vacant position of the **Irrigation Engineering Consultant**.

A cover letter and resume in English or Russian languages clearly demonstrating how applicants meet essential qualifications and asset criteria should be submitted to: SI AED PMU at procurement.srasp@gmail.com with "**Irrigation Engineering Consultant**" in the subject line by no later than **April 1, 2024 until 17:00**. Only full packages will be considered.

Applicants for the position of the **Irrigation Engineering Consultant** will be selected in accordance with the procedures specified in the "Guidelines for the selection and hiring of Specialists by the World Bank".

You can get acquainted with the full Terms of Reference of the

Irrigation Engineering Consultant in the SI AED PMU at the address: Bokhtar 17 street, Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan.

Contact phone: (992 37) 221-03-85; e-mail: procurement.srasp@gmail.com; website: www.aedpmu.tj

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First, representatives of the institution's management opened the meeting by addressing the participants with the following words: "With infinite sincerity and respect, I congratulate all of you, dear colleagues, especially ladies and dear mothers, on the upcoming Mother's Day, which is the embodiment of love, spring, beauty and prosperity.

Women and mothers are always the bright light of the family, an inexhaustible source of love and beauty, a manifestation of purity, and a true example of kindness and grace.

The essence of Mother's Day is love and sincerity, loyalty and immense respect for a woman – Mother.

At the beginning of spring and on the eve of Nowruz, the arrival of Mother's Day in our beloved Tajikistan is a very important symbol.

On this happy day, dear ladies, I congratulate you and all honorable women and mothers of the country on Mother's Day and wish you good health, long life, happiness and a sea of smiles.

May the beautiful Mother's Day, which is the harbinger of a prosperous spring, give you strength and fresh energy, bring light and purity, grace and generosity, unity and peace, happiness, good luck and daily blessings to your family."

Then specialists of the institution Safarov Sherali, Zaripov Ozar, Musamirov Makhmadsodik, Shomahmadzoda Muzaffar, Sinoi Tursunzade and Urokov Yokubjon spoke on the topic "Status of women in society"

After the performance of the employees, the audience was presented with a documentary movie about the importance of the role of women and mothers in society.

At the end, the management representatives once again congratulated and presented gifts to the women colleagues.



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As the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President Emomali Rahmon said in his speech:

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Study tour to the Republic of Uzbekistan

From February 26 to March 2, 2024, a study tour of specialists of agriculture sector to the Republic of Uzbekistan is taking place as part of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project.

An important factor in the effective implementation of the project is this study tour with the participation of specialists from the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Committee for Food Security under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the National Center for Food Security Diagnostics, the State Unitary Enterprise “Center for Digitalization and Advanced Training in Agriculture”, the State Institution “Locust Control Expedition”, the State Institution “Plant Protection and Chemicalization”, the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of the AAST, representatives of agricultural departments of the Sughd and Khatlon regions and

representatives of Food and Agriculture Organization (UN).

The tour started with a meeting with FAO representatives, management and specialists of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The objective of the tour is to increase the knowledge and innovative skills of the participants, to learn about digitalization of the industry and innovative ways, to gain knowledge on soil diagnosis with modern techniques, new methods of pest control, construction of greenhouses and cold storage facilities using modern technology, etc.

To this end, during the tour the specialists visited the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry, stationary laboratory, Plant Protection and Quarantine Agency, mobile laboratories and the Central Phytosanitary Laboratory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as held a working meeting on the development and digitalization of the industry.



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SOLEMN EVENT DEDICATED TO THE NATIONAL ARMY DAY

On February 23 of the current year, a solemn meeting dedicated to the celebration of the 31st anniversary of the establishment of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Tajikistan was held in the office of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development".

The meeting started with the National Anthem of the Republic of Tajikistan. The Director of the institution Daler Satori congratulated the participants on this occasion and highlighted that the National Army of independent Tajikistan is considered the most important part of statehood, the basis of stability and existence of our ancient nation in the international arena, and that it is the sacred duty of every patriotic citizen of our dear country to contribute to its development. Over 31 years of work, the various military structures have achieved many significant achievements that cannot be summarized in a few sentences. The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan pays special attention to this area and considers the development of the Armed Forces as the core of

statehood.

During the session, the women colleagues made insightful presentations on the role of the National Army in the stability of the state, sustainability of peace and tranquility in the country.

At the end of the event, the management sincerely congratulated all employees and on their behalf all officers and soldiers of the country, wished them good health, well-being, happiness and victories, and our independent Tajikistan – eternal peace.



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Another stage of agricultural machinery distribution

On February 21 this year in CJSC “Agrotekhservice” of Gisar city with the participation of the First Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan Nosirzod Jabbor, Deputy Director of the State Institution “Agriculture

Entrepreneurship Development" Boymurod Kurbonov, Deputy Director of RSUE "Tajikagroleasing" Batyr Muminov, Director of CJSC "Agrotekhservice" Jaloliddin Nuraliev, sub-structures of the Ministry of Agriculture, heads of farms and other officials distribution of agricultural machinery was conducted.

It is worth noting that, on the initiative 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, at another stage of distribution of agriculture machinery transferred 6 tractors of the "Belarus-82.1" brand and 4 caterpillar tractors "Agromash" 90TG to the State Institution "Locust Control Expedition" and farms of the republic.

First Deputy Minister of Agriculture Nasirzoda Jabbor, delivered a speech in which he stated that ensuring food security of the population of the country largely depends on the development of the agricultural sector and is considered one of the priority areas of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan. The aspect of the sector's development is noted directly by the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, respected Emomali Rahmon, and is annually financed within the framework of sectoral programs and investment projects. All of us should appreciate the constant care and contribute to the development of agriculture all the time. Take care of these affordable modern tractors and machines so that they serve you for many years to come.

It should be noted that at the first stage a number of agricultural machineries was supplied to seed and seedling farms: 20 units of plough, 15 softeners, 13 cotton planters, 13 grain planters, 4 grain cleaning machines, 15 potato planters, 15 potato harvesters, 2 units of graders, 4 units of cotton cleaning machines and 4 units of cotton packing machines.

At the second stage of distribution, 20 tractors, 4 ploughs, 7 trailers were transferred to seed farms, 9 tractors to the State Commission for Testing of Agricultural Crops and Protection of Varieties, 14 tractors to the State Unitary Enterprise "Plant Protection and Chemicalization", as well as 11 units of large tractors, 13 units of small tractors and 23 units of agricultural machinery and equipment to the State Unitary Enterprise "Tajikniholparvar".

After the informative speech of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, the heads of farms expressed their gratitude for the continuous support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan in the development of the agricultural sector.

At the end of the event, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and other officials handed over the keys to the tractors to the project beneficiaries.

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Congratulations of the Director of the SI "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" dedicated to the 31st anniversary of the establishment of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Tajikistan.

With great respect and from the bottom of my heart, I congratulate all of you, dear colleagues, on the 31st anniversary of the establishment of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Tajikistan.

The national army of independent Tajikistan is considered the most important part of statehood, the basis of stability and existence of our ancient nation in the international arena. It is the sacred duty of every patriotic citizen of our dear country to contribute to its development.

It is worth noting that the National Army of the country, at a time of serious threat to the fate of the country and its independence, despite being a new structure, was able to make worthy efforts to restore peace, tranquility and security to

the borders of our country.

The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, in his Message, emphasized that “The realities and events of the modern world warn each of us of the need to have political intelligence, a high sense of patriotism and self-awareness to preserve the value of state independence”.

On these happy days, dear colleagues, on your behalf, I sincerely congratulate all officers and soldiers of the country, wish health and well-being, happiness and achievements, and eternal peace to our independent Tajikistan.