

May 30, 2024

CONSULTING SERVICES

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Republic of Tajikistan

State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development"

Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU)

Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project (SRASP)

IDA (International Development Association) Grant No: D8600-TJ

Title of the consulting assignment: International Individual Consultant to conduct a mid-term evaluation of the project.

Reference Number: SRASP-CS-INDV-2024-01

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) strengthen 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.

Purpose of the task

The purpose of the task is to carry out mid-term assessment, identifying positive and negative trends in the project, as well as analyzing the work done to achieve the goals and making recommendations for specific actions that can be taken to improve the project.

The project will be assessed based on the questions presented in paragraph 2.3. Terms of reference, as well as a matrix of

project indicators, for the following levels of interventions.

Scope of services

2.1. At the program level:

Identifying the impact of the project on achieving the main goal of the project

(positive and negative);

Assessing the level of achievement of tasks and results project;

Assessing the quality and sustainability of interventions on the way to achieving project objectives;

Evaluation of carried out and planned activities from the point of view of technical and methodological aspects applied by the project and project partners;

Are additional measures/actions needed with existing target groups to ensure sustainability and flexibility given the identified context.

2.2 At the organizational level:

Assessing the project management level of the project team for effective implementation

project;

Providing results, conclusions and recommendations for evaluation, with a view to inclusion

lessons learned and recommendations for improvement – to improve quality

project activities and improving results.

2.3. Main questions

The mid-term assessment should contain specific descriptions regarding the following core issues (considering gender equality and other cross-cutting issues):

Determination of Compliance

– Were the goals set out in the project document relevant, achievable and realistic in comparison to the results already achieved?

– How relevant are the selected approaches and tools to

achieving the project goals?

Determination of effectiveness

- Is the achievement of short-term and medium-term results on track and consistent with the planned results presented in the log frame and project plans?
- To what extent do the project activities meet the needs of the target groups? and strategies (policies) of partners, implementer and donor?
- To what extent have collaborations and partnerships been established between civil society, local government and the private sector to facilitate the successful implementation of the project?

Definition of Productivity

- Are the financial costs consistent with the costs budgeted for the project? – achieving project results at the lowest cost of their implementation.

Defining influence

- Are there significant unexpected positive or negative impacts on the path to achieving medium- and long-term goals?

Definition of sustainability

Are local stakeholders (stakeholders, beneficiaries) likely to understand the importance of their participation and their responsibilities in the implementation of the project, and also, after the end of the project implementation period?

Additionally

- Determining the extent to which the actions of the project implementation partner and the project team comply with the processes, procedures and standards established by the project (plans, monitoring and evaluation system, reporting)
- The need to restructure the project (with a detailed indication in which areas and what specific changes in the project design need to be made)

Qualifications and work experience:

1. Higher education in the field of economics and/or finance, agriculture or other related field.
2. Proven experience in conducting research by type (baseline study, mid-term study, etc.) for not less than 5 years.
3. Proven experience in evaluating projects related to the provision of agricultural services for not less than 5 years.
4. Experience in the Central Asian region is an added advantage.
5. Knowledge of English language is required as well as working knowledge of Tajik and Russian languages is
6. Proven track record of honesty and integrity in handling public resources.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following link:

https://aedpmu.tj/en/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/tor_mid-term_review_indv.cons_.com_may_22_2024.pdf

The consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016; revised in September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest."

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 08:00 to 17:00 local time.

Expressions of interest including CV must be submitted to the e-mail address below on or before **17:00 hours local time on June 13, 2024**. Questions (or requests for clarifications) can be sent to the below email address **on or before June 10, 2024**.

Procurement Department of
State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development"
Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU).

E-mail: aedpmu.hr@gmail.com

May 30, 2024

Request for Quotations

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

Project: Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project

Grant №: IDA-D8600

Name of the Contract: Procurement of 1 no. of 4WD SUV 7 seater vehicle for the Ministry of Agriculture of the RT

Identification number: TJ-SRASP-G0-2024-03

1. The Republic of Tajikistan received 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 1 no. of 4WD SUV 7 seater vehicle for the Ministry of Agriculture of the RT.
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 1 no. of 4WD SUV 7 seater vehicle for the Ministry of Agriculture of the RT.
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 E-mail: procurement.srasp@gmail.com.
6. Bidders shall submit their quotation in hard copy and must deliver to the address below on or before May 30, 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: I.Somini district, 17 Bokhtar street

Office / Floor: 12nd Floor

City: Dushanbe

Country: Tajikistan

May 30, 2024

**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 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

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

RFB Reference No.: SRASP AF/G/RFB-2024/07

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 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”.

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 250 sets of two-wheel tractors (motobloks) with additional equipment for vulnerable farmers in all the regions of the Republic of Tajikistan” and Lot #2: “Procurement of 10 units of crawler rice combine harvesters 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 21, 2024 11:00 a.m. 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 21, 2024, 11:10 a.m.

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of: USD 18 800 (eighteen thousand and eight hundred) for Lot #1 and USD 6 200 (six thousand and two hundred) for Lot #2 or USD 25 000 (twenty-five thousand) 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):

The address(es) referred to above 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

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

May 30, 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

May 30, 2024

**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.

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Country: **Republic of Tajikistan**

Box: **No:1**

May 30, 2024

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/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

May 30, 2024

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 dekhkan 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/SRASPC 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

May 30, 2024

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

Republic of Tajikistan

Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project

Grant No.: E1450-TJ

Assignment Title: Terms of Reference for Regional Training Service Providers (RTSP) to conduct training for vulnerable farmers for the regions of Republic of Tajikistan

Reference No. SRASP AF-2023-CS-CQS

A. Introduction.

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:

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

B. General scope of the services.

Stage 1:

Under the direct supervision of the AED PMU and in close collaboration with partners, the Regional Service Provider will be responsible for organizing beneficiaries into groups to conduct training and advisory activities for vulnerable farmers who have received seeds and fertilizers in the regions of the Republic of Tajikistan under the additional financing of the project, within the framework of Sub-component 1.3: Multiplication of seeds, seedlings, and planting materials. Also, under stage 1 the service provider will carry out activities on monitoring of the conducted sowing activities and providing short on-site consultations (trainings).

Stage 2:

Conducting research, collection and analysis of data on conducted sowing operations and yields to create a database of project beneficiaries (vulnerable farmers who received seeds and fertilizers under the project by the regions of the RT under additional financing Sub-component 1.3):

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website:

https://aedpmu.tj/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/tor-rtsp_vf_en.pdf

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST & INFORMATION

The State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU) 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. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

Firm Qualifications

The Consultant shall be a firm or group of firms with following minimum qualifications :

1. The service provider should be an organization with proven experience in the provision of training and monitoring in the field of agriculture and agribusiness for at least 5 years.
2. Experience in the region where the events will be held.
3. Presence in the staff of trainers, who are fluent in Tajik language, as well as with working knowledge of English (for the group leader)
4. The international status of the organization as well as working experience in other Central Asian countries will be seen as an advantage.

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” July 2016; revised in November 2017, August 2018 and November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants Qualifications Selection (CQS) procedure set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 09:00 to 17:00 hours local time.

Expressions of interest must be submitted to the aedpmu.hr@gmail.com e-mail address by January 22, 2024 at or before 17:00 hours local time.

Attn: Mr. Daler Stori

Director of State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development"

Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU).

Tel: (44) 6100013; (44) 6100014;

E-mail: aedpmu.hr@gmail.com