**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**(SELECTION OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)**

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| Country: | Republic of Tajikistan |
| Project Name: | Joint IsDB/ISFD-GPE-OFID Project for Support to Implementation of the National Education Development Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan (Phase-II) |
| Sector: | Education |
| INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SERVICES: | Procurement Consultant  |
| Mode of Financing: | IsDB Loan and Installment Sale |
| Financing No: | TJK1043 |

The Republic of Tajikistan has applied for financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the Joint IsDB/ISFD-GPE-OFID Project for Support to Implementation of the National Education Development Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan (Phase-II), and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the contract of consultant services of an Individual Consultant for which this Expression of Interest is issued.

The Project objectives is to improve the learning environment and facilitate system strengthening for sustainable implementation of an inclusive, competency-based education system to improve student learning outcomes in Tajikistan. The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Tajikistan is the Executing Agency of the project. The project implementation period is 5 (five) years.

The services include rendering full support to PIG/EA on procurement of goods, works, non-consulting and consulting services under the project in accordance with IsDB procurement regulation and requirements as well as contract management and monitoring of contract implementation etc. The estimated level of efforts is 60 (sixty) months. The expected start date of assignment is February 2024.

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

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1scLSeJV94Zv3ket-SqYNx49FmzKa8Pmb/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=105155812230110123543&rtpof=true&sd=true>

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Tajikistan now invites eligible consultant (“Individual Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide specific information which demonstrates that they are fully qualified to perform the services.

The shortlist will be drawn up following the evaluation of CVs and useful information in response to this notice of expression of interest including references. Potential candidates will be required to provide information on their general qualifications as an individual consultant,their mission-relevant experience, their experience in the sector as well as their language ability.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the selection method applicable to Individual Consultants as defined in the IsDB *Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultant Services under IsDB Project Financing* (April 2019 edition, revised February 2023)

**Minimum Qualification Requirements**

* Higher education in business administration, law, economics and other relevant fields (civil engineering, industrial management, business administration, finance);
* At least 5 years of work experience in procurement of goods, works and services under the international development organizations’ procurement procedures;
* Previous training on international procurement procedures, including procurement of goods and works and selection of consultants. Knowledge of IsDB Procurement Regulations is an advantage;
* Knowledge of the public procurement law;
* Experience in the use of the Bank’s online procurement planning and tracking tool;
* Fluency in English and Tajik and/or Russian languages;
* Computer literate: Windows XP, Excel, Word, and ability to learn new systems quickly.

The attention of interested Individual Consultants are invited to read Clauses 1. 23 and 1.24 of the IsDB *Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultant Services under IsDB Project Financing, April 2019 edition, revised February 2023* (the "Procurement Guidelines") setting forth the IsDB's policy on conflicts of interest.

Interested individual consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours*, i.e. 08:00 to 17:00* (local time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form accompanied by the CV and any other document (in person or by e-mail) to the address below no later than February 16, 2024.

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