REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Tajikistan

Project Implementation Group (PIG)

“DUSHANBE SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT” (DSUDP)

Project Preparation Advance No. IDA V4910-TJ

Project ID No. P179630

Assignment Title: Consultancy services for Social Specialist

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): TJ-SUE SMART CITY -410943-CS-CDS

The Republic of Tajikistan has received financing in the amount of US$ 1.5 million equivalent as a Project Preparation Advance (PPA) from the World Bank toward the cost of preparing the Dushanbe Sustainable Urban Development Project (DSUDP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project. This project will be financed by the International Development Association (IDA).

The implementation of the assignment will be led by a Project Implementation Group (PIG) under the SUE “Smart City” that will play a coordinating role, ensuring effective engagement of all implementation partners (relevant ministries, agencies, and departments) in project implementation.

As per the World Bank ESF, the SUE “Smart City” under executive state authority of Dushanbe city as the Implementing Agency is responsible for Environmental and Social management and compliance, including producing all applicable Environmental and Social instruments for the proposed project.

Accordingly, the objective of this assignment is to provide specialized support to SUE “Smart City” to ensure fulfilment of all requirements of the existing Environment and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) under the PPA, as well as in relation to the preparation of the necessary documents per ESF for the aforementioned project.

The assignment includes the following tasks:

In order to ensure that the World Bank ESF and relevant laws and regulations of the Republic of Tajikistan are complied with, the Consultant shall become familiar with the following:

* + - The World Bank ESF and specifically the ESSs that are relevant to the Project (see Section 2 of this ToR);
		- The World Bank Group Environment Health and Safety Guidelines of the Republic of Tajikistan;
		- Environmental laws, regulations, and procedures of the Republic of Tajikistan;
		- Resettlement laws, regulations, and procedures of the Republic of Tajikistan;
		- Labor Codes of the Republic of Tajikistan;
		- Legal agreement, ESCP, Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), and project concept note of the DSUDP PPA.

4.1 PPA Implementation Support. The Consultant will undertake the following tasks in support of the DSUDP PIG staff:

* Provide direct assistance to create, provide public disclosure, operationalize, maintain and use a Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) to resolve Project-related issues and complaints;
* Support the coordination of the GRM implementation at all levels, maintain a grievance database and report on GRM activities;
* Support the necessary disclosure and adoption of the existing Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) of the PPA, and preparation of activities to be undertaken under the SEP;
* Prepare inputs and drafts of the sexual exploitation and abuse/sexual harassment (SEA/SH) code of conduct, as well as prepare and implement measures to address gender-based violence (GBV) and SEA/SH, as required under the existing ESCP of the PPA;
* Prepare inputs and drafts for the occupational health and safety (OHS) plan of the PPA;
* Prepare inputs and drafts for the social-related parts of quarterly environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) reports that the PIG is required to submit to the World Bank on the progress of work and the adequacy of measures taken to monitor compliance of PPA implementation, identify deficiencies and propose corrective measures.
	1. Capacity-building Support. The Consultant shall share knowledge and expertise on ESF and ESSs to contribute to capacity building of PIG staff under SUE “Smart City”, in particular for staff assigned in E&S roles.

4.3 Coordination with Preparation of E&S Instruments for the full Project. The Consultant shall coordinate with the consultancy firm that will be procured by the PIG of SUE “Smart City" for preparation of all necessary E&S instruments for the full project. The scope of work to be undertaken by the firm includes the ESMF, SEP, and ESIA, as well as the following documents:

* Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), including a GRM;
* Labor Management Procedures (LMP);
* Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF); ESMF that includes relevant Environment and Social Standards requirements, along with the potential project impacts, as well as rules and procedures for site specific project activities (i.e., ESIA/ESMPs);
* ESIA related to the area of the landfill.

The accomplishment of assignment should approximately begin in June 2024. The Consultant will complete the assignment in full within 6 months. To accomplish the assignment, the Consultant’s services are required for 40 (forty) business days.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.

SUE “Smart City” under executive state authority of Dushanbe city now invites eligible Individual Consultants (“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 required qualifications and experience of the Social Specialist individual consultant are as follows:

* University degree in a relevant Social Science discipline (e.g. anthropology, sociology, political economy, social development, cadaster or other related field) combined with at least five years of work experience in areas relevant to the activities of the above-mentioned tasks.
* Familiarity with analytical tools, ability to assess current situation of the local context, good understanding of local development.
* Knowledge and experience of working on World Bank’s ESF particularly on social impact assessments, land acquisition & resettlement, labor working conditions, and stakeholder engagement.
* Experience in conducting public consultations and stakeholder participation processes.
* Good knowledge English and Russian, including report writing skills; knowledge of Tajik will be an advantage;
* Strong client-orientation and solid computer skills.

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 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Framework Agreement arrangements described in the Procurement Regulations and to be specifically set out in the Request for Proposals.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 – 17:00.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the e-mail’s below by May 17, 2024, 5:00 p.m. local time.

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