REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

TAJIKISTAN

DUSHANBE SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: IDA V4910-TJ

**Assignment Title:** Feasibility Study for landfill investments in Dushanbe

**Reference No**. (as per Procurement Plan): TJ-SUE SMART CITY -410933-CS-CQS

The Executive State Authority of Dushanbe City SUE “Smart City” has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Dushanbe sustainable urban development project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include support to the State Unitary Enterprise (SUE) “Smart City” under executive state authority of Dushanbe city and the Government of Tajikistan to undertake the feasibility study and preliminary design for upgrading and expansion of Dushanbe Landfill. This assignment shall focus on completing a technical feasibility study (FS) for expansion of the Landfill capacity by considering appropriate and practically valid options for improvement of the landfill, extending the landfill lifespan, and developing frameworks for financially and technically sound and sustainable landfill operation. After completion of the FS that reviews different scenarios for the landfill infrastructure and operation improvement, a decision will be made on the technical approach. The Consultant will then develop preliminary design and cost estimates for the selected alternative and develop a design, operation and closure plan (DOCP) report for upgrading the Landfill to a Sanitary Landfill (SLF) including all environmental control systems. This includes developing all required design information, schedules, technical and performance specifications, standards, and all other information required to advance the project to the detailed design, construction and operation phase.

The scope of this consultancy is broken down into the following main tasks:

1. Characterization of the existing conditions of Dushanbe Landfill
2. Detailed assessment of current legal, financial and institutional arrangements within Dushanbe city related to management and operations of Dushanbe Landfill
3. Development of landfill fire mitigation and prevention plan
4. Review and conceptualizing options for landfill expansion and future operations
5. Develop DOCP report and preliminary design and cost estimate for the selected landfill expansion options
6. Preparing bidding documents (BD) for next steps

The implementation period of the assignment is 30 weeks and is expected to commence in June 2024.

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

The Executive State Authority of Dushanbe City SUE “Smart City” 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 consulting firm should possess good experience in developing and designing solutions for municipal solid waste collection, transportation, treatment and disposal and should have designed at least three (3) sanitary landfills (landfill expansion, final closure, etc.) in the last 5 years.

Key experts have a crucial role in implementing the contract. The tenderer shall submit CVs and Statements of Exclusivity and Availability for the key experts described below.

National technical expertise is an added value for implementation of the project activities. The Consultant is encouraged to involve experts with technical knowledge and experience of national waste management practices and landfill projects.

The Consultant shall ensure that key and/or non-key staff is proficient in both English, Russian and Tajik languages to enable communication with staff from Smart City SUE, the landfill SUE, the World Bank task team, and other relevant stakeholders.

All experts must be independent and free from conflicts of interest in the responsibilities they take on. The experts shall follow standard ethics with diligence and high degree of professionalism.

The Contractor’s key experts (KE) to be assigned for successful completion of the project must have an outstanding track record and extensive professional and educational background in the various fields of studies described below. Facilitation and communication skills would be an asset.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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 December 2020 [Procurement in investment Project Financing; Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services], setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

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 address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 31 May, 2024.

**Project Implementation Group**

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