**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**(CONSULTANT SERVICES – SELECTION OF FIRMS)**

Republic of Tajikistan

Joint IsDB/GPE project for support to implementation of the National education development strategy

Education sector

Consultancy services by Upgrading/Modernization of EMIS

Mode of Financing: IsDB Instalment Sale/IsDB Loan/ISFD Loan and GPE Grant

Financing No.: TJK-1025

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the Joint IsDB/GPE project for support to implementation of the National education development strategy, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for said consultant services.

The services include:

- developing/upgrading the existing EMIS (architecture design and hard/software), EMIS architecture design and hardware and software purchase;

- developing an integrated EMIS Database;

- development (DMA) and data reporting application (DRA);

- DAA development;

- developing dashboards;

- enhancing data quality by data collection mechanisms & data validations/triangulations;

- Capacity building HR and training staff at MoES and regions/districts/schools level;

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

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Tajikistan invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide specific information which demonstrates that there are full qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

The shortlisting criteria are:

а) the Consultant conforms with the IsDB eligibility rules;

b) the Consulting firm must have extensive experience in information technology and information operations management in education;

c) Specific experience in creating EMIS.

d) the Consulting firm must have experience in projects funded by IFIs of a similar nature and size, with proven knowledge of the terms of contract and procurement based on IFIs.

e) the Consultant shall be free from conflicts of interest that give rise to a competitive advantage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs, 1.23, and 1.24 of the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (the “Procurement Guidelines”), setting for the IsDB’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.

The consultant will be selected from an international open shortlist using the quality and cost selection method set out in the Procurement Guide.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 09:00 to 17:00 local time.

Expressions of interest in English and Russian must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by postal mail, or by e-mail) by March 28, 2022.

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