**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Country*:* **Republic of Kazakhstan**

Project*:* **Climate Resilience Water Resource Development Project (Phase-1)**

Sector*:* **Water Resources**

Consulting Services*:* **Design Review, Procurement Assistance, Contract Management and Supervision of Water Reservoirs and Water Control Structures**

Mode of Financing: **Installment Sale**

Financing No. **KAZ-1030**

1. For the Climate Resilient Water Resource Development Project (Phase 1), consultancy services will be procured by RSE Kazvodkhoz under the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Republic of Kazakhstan with financing from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB).
2. The services include Design Review, Procurement Assistance, Contract Management and Supervision of Water Reservoirs and Water Control Structures. The development objective of the Project is to improve agricultural productivity, ensure food and water security for vulnerable communities, and build resilience to natural hazards and climate change impacts. This will be achieved through the construction, modernization and rehabilitation of agricultural water infrastructure that would be resilient to climate variability and extreme weather events. The project also aims to enhance institutional capacity in the water sector and mainstream advanced technologies and digitization for improved water resources management and decision-making process. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment is attached to this document.
3. The RSE Kazvodhoz under the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation the Republic of Kazakhstan now invites eligible consulting firms (“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 (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).
4. The estimated time for design review and completion of the procurement phase is eight (8) months. Phase-1 will be based on a Lump-Sum payments against deliverables as defined in the terms of the Contract. The time frame of the construction phase (Phase-2) is sixty (60) months, including twelve (12) months of defects liability period. Supervision of works will be Time-Based, based the payment of the actual person-months, used at the rates specified in the contract. Similarly, reimbursable expenses will be compensated from the actual costs incurred.
5. With a projected start date of May 2025, Phase 1 will require a total of 281 man-months of input from key and non-key experts, while Phase 2 would require a total of 1897 man-months input.
6. The shortlisting criteria are: at least 20 years extensive experience in preparation of project design and detailed engineering design, procurement assistance, contract management, and supervision of the construction and reconstruction of water reservoirs, dams, hydraulic structures and water control structures, irrigation systems with a proven record of similar projects in water resource management or civil engineering projects funded by international development organizations, preferably, having experience working in similar environmental, social, and regulatory contexts, particularly in Central Asia including Kazakhstan or other regions with similar climate and hydrology conditions; aware of international design, safety, and environmental standards relevant to water infrastructure projects (e.g., ICOLD guidelines) and local legislation in the field of design and construction; experience in similar type and size of the projects financed by the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), with proven knowledge of FIDIC basis procurement procedures and contract management; qualified and experienced staff and support of a sufficient number of local professional staff to ensure proper project management, procurement services and construction supervision works.
7. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.
8. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to 1.12.1 and 1.12.2 paragraphs of the Procurement Policy of the Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultancy Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing, April 2019, revised as of February 2023 (the “Procurement Guidelines”), setting forth IsDB’s policy on conflict of interest.
9. Strictly all applicants should be eligible with IsDB eligibility rules.
10. 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.
11. A consultant firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection method through shortlisting firms among IsDB member countries set out in the Procurement Guidelines.
12. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 17:00 hours (Astana time).
13. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 5 December 2024.

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