GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Country*:* **Republic of Uzbekistan**

Project: **Strengthening the Economic Resilience of the Vulnerable Enterprises (SERVE) Project**

Sector:**Rural Development**

Mode of Financing: **Instalment Sale/ Loan**

Financing No. **UZB-1037**

The Republic of Uzbekistan *has received* financing in the amount of US$ 40.0 million equivalent from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) toward the cost of the Strengthening the Economic Resilience of the Vulnerable Enterprises (SERVE) Project, and it intends to apply the proceeds to payments for assets to be procured under the line of financing (LOF) and part of the proceeds to payments for goods and consulting services to be procured under this project. *This project will be jointly financed by the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development, Partner Financial Institutions, and the Government of Uzbekistan.*

1. The project will include the following components:

**Component A:** **Access to Finance**, which envisionsprovision of line of financing (LOF) for MSMEs through the selected Partner Financial Institution (PFI) in an Islamic sharia compliant operation, and a separate financial instrument in the form of guarantee facility will be extended to target the micro and small enterprises to increase their access to finance,

**Component B: Business Engineering and Capacity Building**, whichenvisions consultancy services support to: (a) MSMEs in business planning for value chain development; (b) capacity building and supporting financial institutions in development of working tools, including tools and services, targeted for women and youth, additional Islamic financial products, and staff training; and (c) Supporting Business Development Services,

**Component C:** **Project Coordination**, which will set up the Project Management Unitandupgrade the IT software in financial management/accounting and establishment of Management Information System (MIS) as a part of automation and monitoring of fund flow, measurement, and evaluation of project results indicators by PFIs, and

**Component D:** **Audit Service**, which will comprise of(a) financial audit service, and (b) Sharia audit service.

1. Procurement of (goods) contracts will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the *Guidelines for the Procurement of Goods, Works and Related Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing* (April 2019 edition, revised in February 2023), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines. Consulting services will be selected in accordance with the Guidelines for the *Procurement of Consultancy Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing* (April 2019 edition, revised in February 2023).
2. Requests for Expression of Interest (REoI) for consultancy services contracts under the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method through shortlisting from IsDB member countries will be advertised on the IsDB website and <https://www.imv.uz/en> as they become available.
3. Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods and consulting services for the above-mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan at the address below:

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