REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**selection of consulting firm for development of feasibility study**

**for improvement of national water production for irrigation in Uzbekistan**

Mode of Financing: Project Preparation Facility Grant

Financing No: UZB1051

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) has allocated a project preparation facility grant towards the cost of the feasibility study for the Improvement of National Water Production in Uzbekistan and intends to apply the proceeds for consultant services.

The services include:

* 1. Preparing a project feasibility study as per the TOR through comprehensive stakeholder consultations, data analysis and field visits
	2. Supporting IsDB Team in preparation of the Project Preparation Report (PPRR) and Project Appraisal Document (PAD)
	3. Drafting the Terms of Reference (TOR) for key consultancies to be hired under the project to ensure readiness for implementation, i.e., Technical Design and Supervision Consultant.

The consultant is expected to submit the final report within **4 months** of commencement of work.

The required team of experts includes Team Leader (Irrigation & Hydrology Engineer), Electrical Engineer & Digital Transformation Expert, Mechanical Engineer, Civil Engineer, Financial Analyst/Economist, Environment & Social Safeguard Specialist, Procurement Specialist, GIS/Remote Sensing Specialist, and Agriculture Specialist.

The expected start date for the assignment is **3rd quarter of 2025**.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the following email address: ArKenzhegulov@isdb.org and Wwijayanto@isdb.org

The Islamic Development Bank now invites the 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 (e.g., company profile, description of similar assignments, experience in similar projects, availability of appropriate experts, etc.).

The shortlisting criteria are as follows:

* **Eligibility**: The Consultant conforms with the IsDB eligibility rules
* **Consultant years of operations**: The Consulting Firm must have operated for at least 5 years in the consulting business
* **Consultant experiences**: The Consultant must have successfully prepared similar feasibility studies in the irrigation sector. The experience in at least 3 irrigation projects in Central Asia region financed by multilateral development banks is preferred
* **Qualification of key experts**: Conformity with the qualification and experience of the key experts as per the TOR.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs 1.23 and 1.24 General Provisions of the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant 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.

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 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 **Fixed Budget Selection (FBS)** method set out in the Procurement Guidelines based on **International Consultant shortlist**.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the email address below during office hours 10:00 to 17:00 hours of Almaty time.

The expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below **by e-mail** by **16 June 2025**.

Islamic Development Bank, Regional Hub of Almaty

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