**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Country: Uzbekistan

Project: Improving the Quality and Efficiency of Education Services in the Republic of Uzbekistan

Sector: Finance to MSMEs/Economic Empowerment

CONSULTING SERVICES - Development of detailed designs for schools

Mode of Financing: IsDB&ISFD Loan

Financing No. UZB1041

The Republic of Uzbekistan has received a financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the Improving the Quality and Efficiency of Education Services in the Republic of Uzbekistan and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services.

The objective of appointing the Consulting Company is to develop detailed (working) designs, including technical specifications of construction works as well as equipment and furniture for schools.

The implementation period is up to 8 months, starting as soon as the consulting contract has been signed between the PMU and the Consultant and continuing by the end of project.

The Consultant will carry out the assignment in office and field whenever is required. The project team shall be composed of: Team Leader / Chief Designer, Architect, Structural Engineer, Electrical Engineer, HVAC Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Engineer, Environmental Specialist, Estimating Engineer / Quantity Surveyor, AutoCAD Specialist.

Generally, all Consultants are expected to demonstrate profound professional knowledge and longtime experience in their field of assignment.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.

The Ministry of Preschool and School Education (MoPSE) 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.).

The shortlisting criteria are:

**Eligibility Compliance**

* The Consultant must comply with IsDB eligibility rules (Part 1, Chapter 1, Section 1.11).
* The Consultant must be legally registered in an IsDB member country.
* The Consultant must not be subject to any restrictions, sanctions, or debarment by IsDB or any other major international financing institution.
* The Consultant must be free from any conflict of interest that could give rise to a competitive advantage.

**Relevant Experience and Performance**

1. The Consultant must be a legally registered and operational entity with a minimum of 10 years of professional experience in architecture, engineering design, and construction consultancy services. The firm should have completed multiple public infrastructure projects, preferably in the education or social sectors.
2. The firm must have successfully completed at least three (3) similar assignments in the past 7 years, involving:

* Development of detailed engineering designs for public infrastructure (preferably schools or similar facilities);
* Experience with multilateral financial institutions (MFIs) such as IsDB, ADB, World Bank, or similar, is an advantage.

1. The firm must have in-house or legally associated access to the following key technical expertise:

* Urban and architectural design
* Structural engineering (including seismic design)
* Electrical and mechanical engineering
* Environmental and social safeguards
* Cost estimation and procurement documentation
* Permitting and approval coordination in Uzbekistan
* Availability of qualified interdisciplinary team (CVs of Key Experts)
* Capacity to manage multi-site assignments

1. The Consultant must:

* Be licensed or authorized to conduct engineering and design activities in the Republic of Uzbekistan
* Comply with national design standards, including SNiP, GOST, and other regulations approved by the Ministry of Construction
* Have no conflict of interest with the Employer or related stakeholders

1. Preference will be given to firms with existing operations or partnerships in Uzbekistan to ensure:

* Efficient site investigations
* Access to local regulatory bodies for permitting
* Effective author’s supervision during construction

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to 1.12.1 and 1.12.2 paragraphs of the Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultancy Services under IsDB Project Financing (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 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 Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Guidelines. A consultant main office should be based in Tashkent.

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

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 17:00 (Tashkent time) 24 July 2025.

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