

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Republic of Uzbekistan received a loan from the World Bank for the financing of the project "Rural Infrastructure Development" project, and intends to use part of the funds for hiring international consulting firm (hereinafter referred to as the "Consultant ") to provide the following services:

### **Consulting services for baseline project monitoring survey**

The Consultant will assist the "Rural Infrastructure Development" Project Implementing Unit in data collection and analysis for the Baseline Monitoring Survey of abovementioned project. The survey will be utilized to assess project progress and results against the targets set forth in the RIDP's results framework.

The organization contracting for this task is the "Rural Infrastructure Development" Project Implementing Unit under the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as the "Employer"). The project covers five regions: Jizzakh, Syrdarya, Ferghana, Namangan, and Andijan.

The Employer now invites eligible consulting firms("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services, including:(1) at least 5 years of experience in conducting comparable large-scale household surveys in Uzbekistan; (2) qualified key personnel to undertake the baseline evaluation survey; (3) experience of collecting research data in Uzbekistan on the provision of local services, including water supply, sanitation, hygiene and electricity; knowledge or experience of interviewing youth in rural areas is a plus; and (4) experience in performing similar tasks in projects funded by international financial institutions.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

The selection of consultant will be conducted using the procurement method "Consultant's qualifications based selection" in accordance with the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF borrowers (July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018).

Interested applicants should provide information about their organization demonstrating responsiveness to the shortlisting criteria.

The expression of interest must be submitted before 16:00 on **December 29, 2020** (Tashkent time) at the address below. Late submissions are not accepted. Submission of information preferably in English and Russian languages.

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