

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTANT SERVICES – SELECTION OF FIRMS)**

Uzbekistan
Sustainable Rural Development Project
Consulting services for the audit of Projects
Mode of Financing: Instalment sale financing
Financing No. #UZB-1023

The Government of Uzbekistan has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the **Sustainable Rural Development Project**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services.

The services include the financial audit of the “Sustainable Rural Development” Project is to enable the auditor to express a professional opinion as to whether the Project Financial Statements (PFS) show true and fair view of the Project’s financial position as of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 fiscal years, and funds receipts and expenditures incurred during the period by 31 December 2027.

Hereby the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) invites eligible auditing firms to express their interest in providing above services. Interested Consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the necessary qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Evaluation criteria include:

1. Experience in auditing IFI projects for at least 5 years
3. Availability of qualified auditors to audit IFI projects.

The Project Implementing Unit (PIU) of Sustainable Rural Development Project under the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction 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: Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. The “association” may take the form of a Joint Venture or a sub consultancy. In case of a Joint Venture (JV), all members of the JV will be evaluated jointly for the purpose of short listing and shall be jointly and severally liable for the assignment and shall sign the contract in case of award is made to that JV group. Interested consultants should clearly indicate the structure of their “association” and the duties of the partners and sub consultants in their application." Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs, 1.23, and 1.24 of the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank 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 Least cost-based selection' (LCS) method set out in the Procurement Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 17:00, Tashkent time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by mail by **16:00, Tashkent time 7 September 2022.**

**Project Implementing Unit (PIU) of Sustainable Rural Development Project under
the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction**

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