

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**  
(CONSULTING SERVICES - SELECTION OF COMPANIES)

**Country:** Republic of Uzbekistan

**Project:** Uzbekistan: Rural Infrastructure Development Project

**Project No.:** 6502-UZ

**Assignment Title:** **Technical assistance in facilitating the Project’s participatory implementation cycle, monitoring and oversight with regard to demand driven investments in basic infrastructure and services in selected qishloqs (villages) in Andijan, Fergana and Namangan region.**

**Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan):** RIDP-QCBS-3

The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan *has received* financing from the World Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) toward the cost of Rural Infrastructure Development Project (RIDP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

**Technical assistance in facilitating the Project’s participatory implementation cycle, monitoring and oversight with regard to demand driven investments in basic infrastructure and services in selected qishloqs (villages) in Andijan, Fergana and Namangan region.**

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the following technical assistance, training, and capacity building activities:

*a. Preparatory Phase: mobilize and deploy Qishloq Facilitators, Qishloq Engineers, other key staff and provide logistical support throughout the region, develop and update training and capacity building materials targeting qishloq facilitators, qishloq engineers and etc.*

*b. Awareness-Raising of RIDP Objectives and Procedures at District and Qishloq Levels*

*c. Qishloq selection: support to district khokimiyats in qishloq selection (five districts in Andijan region, four districts in Fergana region and four districts in Namangan region), incl. developing a methodology and conducting joint activities with the District Project Committees in the implementation of the qishloq selection process using the selection criteria set out in the Operational Manual.*

*d. Mahalla Development Unit (MDU) Establishment, qishloq development planning, initial subproject proposal development and etc.*

The assignment duration is **18 months**.

The detailed Terms of Reference of this assignment is available via the following link :

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FnvT6y8UTAZZNc7BG4sSJ5ovdEbgc6MP>

and/or can be obtained by sending request to the following e-mail address: [x.usmanov@uzrd.uz](mailto:x.usmanov@uzrd.uz)

Joint Projects Implementation Unit (JPIU) 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. The evaluation criteria are:

1. *A proven track record of successfully completed rural planning/development assignments over the last 10 years.*
2. *A proven track record of successfully completed IFI-funded community-driven development (CDD) projects over the last 10 years.*
3. *Proven track record in managing rural infrastructure construction/rehabilitation projects over the past 10 years.*
4. *Proven geographical experience (references to completed assignments demonstrating relevant geographical experience in the CIS countries over the past 10 years).*

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.16, 3.17 and 3.21 and 3.22 of the Procurement regulations for IPF Borrowers of the World Bank dated November 2020, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest and eligibility.

Consultants may submit their EOI as an individual firm or in association in the form of a joint venture or sub-consultancy. All the members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire assignment. However, the experience of sub-consultant will not be considered while short-listing. Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost based selection (QCBS) method set out in the Regulations - Procurement regulations for IPF Borrowers of the World Bank dated November 2020.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 9:00 – 18:00.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) **by 16:00 (Tashkent time) March 23, 2023:**

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