



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Country: State of Palestine

Name of Project: Water Supply and Sanitation Improvements for West Bethlehem Villages

Project ID No.: P123322

Assignment Title: Institutional Capacity Assessment and Institutional Development Training- Water and Wastewater Unit within JSCPD in West Bethlehem

The Palestine Liberation Organization, for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority, has received financing from the State- and Peace-building Fund, administered by the World Bank, toward the cost of the Water Supply and Sanitation Improvements for West Bethlehem Villages Project (Husan, Nahhalin, Battir, Al-Walaja and Wadi Fukin) with a population of around 25,000 inhabitants, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The project, which is implemented by the Palestinian Water Authority (PWA) and the Joint Services Council for Planning and Development (JSCPD) for West Bethlehem, aims to improve water supplies and sanitation in parts of the West Bethlehem region in the West Bank. The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

- (i) Assess the levels of knowledge and capabilities of the existing technical, financial, and administrative staff of the Water and Wastewater Department (WWD) within the JSCPD and recommend the required training to improve the staff capabilities
- (ii) Review and analyze of current tariff structure, and propose the measures to achieve the full cost recovery
- (iii) Prepare the ToR for implementing the required training program and public awareness campaign
- (iv) Assist the JSC with the preparation of a proposal to apply for financing for the second phase of the project.

The implementation period is around two (2) months. The estimated input of key expert’s time is four (5) person-months.

The Palestinian Water Authority 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 short listing criteria are:



1. A consulting firm specialized in capacity building, training and institutional development, which has been operating in a related field for a minimum of 5 years;
2. Relevant experience in the field of the assignment. The firm should have a proven track record of previous experience implementing similar assignments in the same or related field and should have successfully completed at least one similar assignment in the last 5 years.
3. Technical, managerial and financial capabilities of the firm;
4. Availability of appropriate skills among staff and/or the ability to mobilize a diversified team of experts with appropriate knowledge and skills.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers*, January 2011 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Method** set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address (1) below during office hours 09:00 to 14:00.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address (2) below (in person, or by mail) by **Monday, November 02, 2015**.

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