



STATE OF PALESTINE
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING
CENTRAL TENDERING DEPARTMENT (CTD)
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
PALESTINIAN WATER AUTHORITY

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

Country: [State of Palestine](#)

Name of Project: [Water Sector Capacity Building to PWA](#)

Project ID No.: [P117443](#)

Assignment Title: [Environmental and Social Assessment \(ESIA\) to include an Environmental and Social Management Plan \(ESMP\) for the Associated Works of the Gaza Sustainable Water Supply Program](#)

Reference No.: [PWA/ WB/ 2017/022 - CTD](#)

The Palestine Liberation Organization, for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority, has received financing from the World Bank, Sida and AFD, toward the cost of the Water Sector Capacity Building to PWA, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The project, which is implemented by the Palestinian Water Authority (PWA), aims to provide technical assistance and capacity building to PWA upon the New Water Law endorsement, in an effort to assist in the implementation of the reform, and ultimately building capacity within the PWA. The consulting services the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), which includes an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), for the associated works of the Gaza Sustainable Water Supply Program. Such studies will have to be coordinated with the feasibility study, which will be run in parallel.

Given the environmental challenges and the scale of the project, both ESIA/ESMPs for the plant and for the associated works should also be closely coordinated, to ensure both are acceptable to EIB as well as World Bank safeguard standards (OP/BP 4.01, EHSs). The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

Main Objectives:

- (i) Ascertain the possible environmental and social impacts (ESIA) of the infrastructural subcomponents;
- (ii) Construct an environmental and social management plan (ESMP) to manage, mitigate, and monitor any possible negative impacts during the construction and operational phases of the project;
- (iii) Assess the capacity of the implementing party to implement the ESMP; and
- (iv) Suggest any capacity building needs necessary to fill the gaps.

Scope of work:

Consultant firm shall be hired to perform the services in line with the Contract that include the Following tasks:

ESIA:

- Description of the Proposed Project.
- Description of the Environment.
- Summary of Analysis of Alternatives
- Legislative and Regulatory Considerations
- Potential Impacts of the Proposed Project
- Cumulative Impact Assessment
- Grievance Redress Mechanism Diagnostic Assessment and Results.

ESMP:

- An institutional component assessing current responsibilities for the sector and the project implementation and monitoring, safeguard capacities and potential needs for capacity building, training or monitoring equipment, costs;
- Proposed work program listing environmental mitigation measures, related responsibilities, resource requirements;
- Detailed monitoring plan, to ascertain compliance with agreed standards, and serve as an analytical support tool for achieving optimal operational performance; the plan would include monitoring parameters and frequencies of measure, responsibilities and costs.
- Grievance Redress Mechanism Plan.

The implementation period is four (4) months. The expected commencement date is August 2017. Key experts required are Team Leader (an environmental engineer), Environmental Planning, Ecology & Water Quality Expert, and Social Scientist.

The [Central Tendering Department](#) 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 (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

The short listing criteria are:

1. General qualifications and experience (core business & years and in business and managerial capability) in the Environmental and Social Assessment, which has been operated in a related field for a minimum of 10 years.
2. Specific 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 to conduct environmental and social assessment and management plan.
3. 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*, dated January 2011 (revised July 2014), 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 08:30 to 14:30.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address (2) below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) not later than **Sunday, May 07, 2017, 12:00am**

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