REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – SELECTION OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)

GEORGIA Third Regional Development Project (RDP III) – P150696 Loan No. 8494-GE

Assignment Title: Structural Engineer for Regional Development Project III (RDP III)

Reference No. IBRD/RDPIII/CS/IC/03-2016

Construction-rehabilitation of Georgian infrastructure is one of the priorities of the country in the way of its building. The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF) established by the Government under the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructures (MRDI) implements reconstruction-rehabilitation of infrastructure on the whole territory of Georgia. For above mentioned goal the Fund actively cooperates with various international donors whose finances together with the funds of the budget of Georgia make the source of financing of the Fund for implementing various infrastructure projects.

Georgia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Third Regional Development Project (RDP III). The Project focuses on Samtskhe-Javakheti region in the south and Mtskheta-Mtianeti, an economically growing region close to the capital. The Project aims at supporting the local economy in the regions by carrying out an integrated approach to tourism development, focusing on infrastructure, urban regeneration, cultural heritage restoration, skills development and enabling the environment to attract private sector investments.

Infrastructure investment component of RDP III includes urban regeneration of old towns and villages, including restoration of building facades, public spaces, museums, roads and water, and enhancement of cultural and natural heritage sites, including access and presentation. Several subprojects are defined to be implemented in Samtskhe-Javakheti and Mtskheta-Mtianeti regions under the RDP III.

Overall management and coordination of implementation and supervision of Project will be executed by the Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF).

The MDF is also in charge of implementation of other projects financed by the World Bank – Regional Development Project (RDP), Second Regional Development Project (RDPII), Second Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development Project (SRMIDP) and Sustainable Wastewater Management Project (SWMP) are currently being implemented by the MDF.

The main objective of the assignment is to support the MDF Project Appraisal Unit in carrying out comprehensive design review under RDPIII, as well as other World Bank-financed projects – RDP, RDPII, SRMIDP and SWMP. In order to achieve this objective, the consultant shall:

- Perform review of structural parts of subprojects submitted by the design companies and beneficiaries to ensure compliance of designs with local and international Design Codes and Standards active in Georgia;
- Checking of structural calculations and technical solutions provided in the design;
- Review of Technical Specifications;
- Site inspection of subprojects to be rehabilitated;
- Preparing design review reports including comprehensive analysis and comments to structural part of the designs;

- Participation in preparing of Terms of References for design services;
- Assist MDF Project Appraisal Unit for technical assessment of variations/amendments of civil works contracts during implementation phase;
- Performing other related tasks as required.

The duration of the assignment is 12 months. It may be extended upon mutual agreement. This is a full - time assignment.

The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia now invites eligible individual consultants ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. The selection criteria are:

1. Professional Experience: At least 10 years of experience as a structural engineer.

2. Thorough knowledge Construction/Design Codes and Standards active in Georgia related to structural engineering;

3. Working experience in designing, site inspection and assessment of structural conditions of buildings and structures;

- 4. Working experience in preparation of technical specifications for construction works.
- 5. Working knowledge of English and Georgian languages is mandatory.

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, revised July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant (IC) method set out in Section V of the *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers*, *January 2011, revised July 2014*.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 10:00 to 17:00 at Procurement Unit of MDF.

Interest expression with CV shall be submitted at the address provided below not later than August 26, 2016, 17:30 local time

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