

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

Third Regional Development Project (RDPIII) – P150696

Loan No: 8494-GE

**Assignment Title: Consultancy Service for Project Results Monitoring & Evaluation
for the Third Regional Development Project (RDP3) – II Phase**

Reference No: IBRD/RDPIII/CS/QCBS/13-2020

The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia is a legal entity of public law whose purpose is to mobilize financial resources from donors including international and Georgian financial institutions, in order to make them available for investments in local infrastructure and services, while simultaneously helping local self-governments in strengthening their institutional and financial capacity.

MDF implements various regional and municipal development projects, including the Third Regional Development Project (RDP 3) financed by the World Bank Group and the Government of Georgia (GoG). The aim of the RDP 3 is to stimulate economic growth in Mtskheta-Mtianeti and Samtskhe-Javakheti regions through provision of enabling environment for increased tourist visitation and private investment. Arrangement of public tourist infrastructure in the areas adjacent to the cultural heritage monuments is a type of activity supported by RDP 3.

MDF, in the capacity of Employer, seeks **Consultancy Service for Project Results Monitoring & Evaluation for the Third Regional Development Project (RDP3) – II Phase**.

The objective of this consultancy is to carry out a monitoring and evaluation activities for the Project. The assessment should provide information to assess project implementation and achievement of Project Development Objectives during implementation and at project closure. The assessment shall provide reliable and useful information, which would allow identifying project achievements and lessons learned.

This assignment is a continuation of the previous one, which was conducted between 2017 and 2019 by an international firm. During this period, the consultant delivered various reports, including M&E Periodic and Final Results Reports & Evaluation of the Project. The Client will make all above mentioned reports available to the selected Consultant. In order to ensure comparability, the consultant will be expected to study the previous reports and collect same data used by the previous consulting firm. The Consultant can propose a new methodology (additional useful data can be collected in household, business, tourism surveys and etc) and agree on the way forward with the Client.

The Terms of Reference of the assignment is available as annex.

The assignment is expected to start in September 2020 and be completed by December 1, 2022.

The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF) as an Implementing Agency now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to express 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 shortlisting criteria are:

- No less than **3 (three) years** of experience in monitoring and evaluation activities is required. Weighted score for evaluation is 50%.
- At least **1 (one)** similar contract successfully carried out within the last 5 years with certificates of satisfaction (*signed handover agreement*) issued by the Client(s). Weighted score for evaluation is 50%.

Note: the MDF reserves its right to verify submitted references and use obtained information for evaluation purposes.

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.

Consultants may associate with other firms. (Please take into account that form of association acceptable for the World Bank is either sub-consultancy or Joint-Venture and submission must clearly indicate the nature of the association. The experience of sub-consultants will not be taken into account while evaluating the corporate experience of the consultant).

Experience in the projects relevant to the assignment should be submitted in the Form N1 uploaded at MDF website on the following link: <http://mdf.org.ge/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Form-for-References.pdf>

The consultants are strongly recommended to limit their Expression of Interest to 30 pages. Company brochures may be included as an Annex, and will not be affected by the limit of 30 pages.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection Method (QCBS) set out in Section II 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 09:00 a.m. to 18:00 p.m. at Procurement Unit of MDF, Phone number: +99532 2437001, extension 414, Mrs. Eka Ezugbaia, World Bank Procurement Consultant.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in English in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **August 7, 2020 at 15:00 local time**.

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