

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

GEORGIA

Third Regional Development Project (RDPIII) – P150696

Loan No: 8494-GE

Assignment Title: *Preparation of Detailed Design Documentation for Historic Houses in Abastumani - II Phase*

Reference No: IBRD/RDPIII/CS/QCBS/17-2020

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 programs envisage implementation of various projects including the Third Regional Development Project (RDP3) financed by the World Bank Group and the Government of Georgia (GoG).

One of the famous and popular resorts in Samtskhe-Javakheti region, Abastumani is located in the southern part of Georgia in Adigeni Municipality. Abastumani with a very diverse and explicit micro-climate is distinguished for high touristic and recreational potential, at present this potential has not been properly utilized. Moreover, the added value of Abastumani is its triple merit, being a climate, spa and tourist resort simultaneously.

MDF, in the capacity of the Client, seeks for the **Consultancy Service for the Preparation of Detailed Design Documentation for Historic Houses in Abastumani - II Phase**. The selected 18 houses were identified and studied under the Abastumani Urban Upgrade project. The houses have been selected based on their heritage status and their correspondent inclusion in the national register of listed buildings. The houses are wide spread throughout the settlement, however, a good part is concentrated in the core and the northern residential area. Most of the buildings have been classified as cultural monuments under the Law 528 of 21 November 2008. The rehabilitation of façades of some historic buildings in the Core and North areas aims at integrating the improvement of the horizontal component with the vertical component of the buildings, which are the veritable scenes the urban environment. Therefore, the focus of this investment is value as vertical backdrop of the public space, which is a key element for the improvement of the experience of the resort. To obtain the following goal it is necessary to identify the causes of the degradation, and propose solutions for each of them. Main rehabilitation works have to be implemented for the restoration of facades, roofs, balconies, and other wooden or metal external decorations. The project must also include structural parts reinforcement only if they are compromised and threaten the structural stability of the monument. This visual impact will in fact allow a more integrated experience of the heritage context, thus becoming more attractive for tourists as well for the local community, consolidating the sense of place and the unique identity of the settlement.

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

The tentative duration of the Contract is **5 months**, authors supervision is expected to continue for **24 months**.

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:

- Similar experience within the last **5 (five) years** (*i.e. since January 2015*). Weighted score for evaluation is 70%. Similar experience shall include: Preparation of detailed design documentation for Restoration of historical monuments/cultural heritage buildings.
- The Consultant shall have at least of **10 (ten) years** of General working experience. Weighted score for evaluation is 30%

Note: the MDF reserves it's 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 Department of MDF, Phone number: +995 32 2 43 70 01, extension 414, Ms. Mariam Abuladze, 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 **December 15, 2020 at 15:00 local time**.

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