

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

## **GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT II – P130421**

### **Preparation of “Visitors Management Plan” (VMP) for selected Cultural Heritage Sites (CHS)**

**Reference No. IDA/RDP/II/CS/CQS/08-2014**

Georgia has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Regional Development Project II, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include to design visitors' Management Plan guideline to be applicable for Cultural Heritage Sites (Ubisa, Katskhi Church and Katskhi Column, Vani, Gelati) as well as design practical recommendations as a tool-kits for operation of visitors' programs around selected Cultural Heritage Sites.

Specific emphasis is to define for each selected sites main elements of visitors' management plan such as: site mapping, including locations of the main destinations, define and illustrate visitors' trails, infrastructure elements, locations of service units, accesses and exists, thematic content of particular sites, visitor's streams current flows and projections, capacity of infrastructure required, required staff and qualification, visitors operations and maintenance guideline, interpretation content and technique, monitoring, research and conservation measures.

The tentative duration of the services is 6 months.

The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia 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. Expression of interest should cover, but not limited to: corporate profile, years in business, experience relevant to the project activities, key staff resources, core business. The shortlisting criteria are:

- Similar experience within the last 7 years (i.e. since January 2007).
- General experience.

*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*. ("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 Selection Based on the Consultants' Qualifications (CQS) method set out in Section III of the [\*Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers - January 2011\*](#).

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 10:00 a.m. to 18:00 p.m. at Procurement Unit of MDF, Phone number: +99532 2437001, extension 405, Ms. Tinatin Katchkatchishvili, Procurement Specialist.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in English in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **November 27, 2014, at 17:00**.

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