**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**(CONSULTANT SERVICES – SELECTION OF FIRMS)**

Country*:* **Republic of Kazakhstan**

Project*:* **Climate Resilience Water Resource Development Project*****(Phase 1, Tranche 1)***

Sector*:* **Water Resource**

Consulting Services*:* **Design Review, Construction Supervision (Irrigation Canals) for Phase I***,* **Tranche 1**

Mode of Financing: **Installment Sale (Loan, Grant)**

Financing No. **KAZ-1030**

1. The Republican State Enterprise “Kazvodkhoz” *has applied for* financing from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) toward the cost of the **Climate Resilience Water Resource Development Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services.
2. The services include Design Review, Construction Technical Supervision for Irrigation Canals. The project's objective is to boost agricultural productivity, ensure food and water security for vulnerable populations, and enhance resilience to natural disasters and climate change. This will be accomplished by constructing, modernizing, and rehabilitating water infrastructure for agricultural use, designed to withstand climate variability and extreme weather. Additionally, the project aims to strengthen institutional capacity in the water sector and introduce advanced technologies and digital solutions to improve water management and decision-making. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment is attached to this document.
3. The RSE Kazvodkhoz under the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of the Republic of Kazakhstan now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide specific information which demonstrates that they are fully qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).
4. The estimated time for design review and completion of the procurement phase is 12 months. Phase-1 will be based on a Lump-Sum payments against deliverables as defined in the terms of the Contract. The time frame of the construction phase (Phase-2) is 44 months, including 12 months of defects liability period. Supervision of works will be Time-Based, based the payment of the actual person-months, used at the rates specified in the contract. Similarly, reimbursable expenses will be compensated from the actual costs incurred.
5. With a projected start date of June 2025, Phase 1 will require a total of 174 man-months input of key experts, while Phase 2 would require a total of 528 man-months input.
6. The shortlisting criteria are: at least 10 years extensive experience in water and wastewater sector; Irrigation canals design experience; Experience FIDIC contract terms and standards; Experience in construction technical supervision of irrigation canals; Rehabilitation of the irrigation canals; Regional experience, most preferred country experience; Availability of experience of the staff in irrigation canals design and irrigation canals construction supervision.
7. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.
8. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to 1.12.1 and 1.12.2 paragraphs of the Procurement Policy of the *Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultancy Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing,* April 2019, revised as of February 2023 (the “Procurement Guidelines <https://www.isdb.org/project-procurement/documents>”), setting forth IsDB’s policy on conflict of interest.
9. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
10. A consultant firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection method through shortlisting of domestic firms set out in the Procurement Guidelines.
11. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours **09:00 to 17:00 hours (Astana time).**
12. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (most preferable in person, or by mail, duplicate by e-mail) by **5 May 2025**.

Attention: General Director Kemelbekov. B.

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