**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Country*:* **Republic of Kazakhstan**

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

Sector*:* **Water Resources**

Consulting Services*:* **Financial Audit Services**

Mode of Financing: **Ijarah, Loan, and Grant**

Financing No. **KAZ-1030**

1. The RSE “Kazvodkhoz” (as lead Recipient) has applied forfinancing from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) toward the cost of the **Climate Resilience Water Resource Development Project** **(Phase-1)** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services. The primary objective of the audit engagement is to enable the auditor to express a professional opinion as to whether (i) the Project Financial Statements (PFS) show true and fair view of the Project's financial position as of (a) from the first disbursement under first sub-project (tentatively planned on 01/01/2026; to 30.06.2026 (b) and annually, during four (4) years, from 1st January till 31st December of the reporting year until 31/12/2029 and funds receipts and expenditures incurred during the period then ending. (ii) Expenditures reimbursed on basis of Statements of Expenditures are eligible to Bank financing and are reflected on the PFS, and for this purpose, the auditor shall carry out whatever necessary examinations of the statements and underlying records and control systems according to the IFRS accounting standards.

2. The services include financial audit services for the project in Phase 1

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this document.

3. The RSE “Kazvodhoz” under the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of the Republic of Kazakhstan (in the capacity of Project Executing Agency and Implementing agency SK «Water Solution» LLP) 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 shortlisting criteria are:

* Minimum of years (5) years of experience in Financial Audit Services; (having the CIA, ACCA, CIMA, CPA certificates more preferable)
* Experience of Financial Audit Services in Projects, financed by Multi-Development Financial Institutions and/or any international organization financed. (Having the experience Minimum 2 similar IsDB/WB project audits in last 5 years or at least 2 financial audits of MDB-funded project more preferable)
* Availability of experienced staff with international experience.

**Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.**

5. 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”), setting forth IsDB’s policy on conflict of interest.

6. 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.

7. Auditing firm will be selected in accordance with the Least-Cost Selection (LCS) method through shortlisting firms among domestic audit firms as set out in the Procurement Guidelines.

8. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (UTC +5 )**09:00 to 17:00 hours (Astana time).** *Expressions of interest submitted after 17:00 (Astana time) will not be accepted for consideration.*

10. Expressions of interest must be submited in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail (example DHL), or by e-mail) by **25 September 2025**

Mangilik el ave.8, 010000 Astana city, Kazakhstan

Attention: Acting General Director Mr. Uskenbayev A.A

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