

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**  
**(CONSULTING SERVICES - SELECTION OF COMPANIES)**

**Country:** Republic of Uzbekistan

**Project:** District Heating Energy Efficiency Project

**IDA CREDIT:** 6173-UZ

**Assignment Title:** Project financial audit for 2020-2022

The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan received funding from the International Development Association (IDA) in the amount of 140.0 million USD for the implementation of the District Heating Energy Efficiency Project in five selected cities.

Consulting services include the opportunity for the auditor to express a professional opinion on the financial position of the project at the end of 31 December 2020 - 31 December 2022, and on revenues and expenses for the reporting period ending at the time of the audit.

In particular, the audit will be conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) published by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC). Those standards require that the auditor plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial reporting.

“Kommunkhizmat” Agency under the Ministry of Housing and Communal Services of the Republic of Uzbekistan 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 (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

Only qualified firms shall be short-listed. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. The overall experience of the company (7 years) in consulting.
2. At least three similar assignments completed in the last five years.
3. General experience and qualifications of key personnel;
4. Must be on the World Bank's ECA list - List of Eligible Auditing Companies (required). The auditors listed in the Bank's pre-qualified register may participate. The company must have a license to conduct audit of enterprises in Uzbekistan, and in the absence of such a license, the company must confirm that it will receive a license from the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan within two weeks from the date of award of the contract as a requirement.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 1.9 and 1.11 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest and eligibility.

Consultants may submit their EOI as an individual firm or in association in the form of a joint venture or sub-consultancy. All the members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire assignment. However, the experience of sub-consultant will not be considered while short-listing. Consultant will be selected in accordance with the List Cost Selection (LCS) method set out in the Guidelines - Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (09:00 to 18:00 hours).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in English (original) with Russian translation (copy). If there are any discrepancies between the English and Russian versions, the English version will prevail. Absence of a Russian translation will not be a reason for refusal to consider the expression of interest.

Expressions of interest should be submitted to the following address before 16:00 (local time) December 7, 2020.

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