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

Georgia

Irrigation and Land Markets Development Project in Georgia (ILMDP), project ID P171796

Credit No.: IBRD-90430

Assignment Title: Preparing the Concept for Establishment and Development of an Integrated Database on Land Resources

Reference No.: IDIC/AF/CS/CQS/02

The Borrower has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Irrigation and Land Markets Development Project Additional Financing in Georgia (ILMDP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The main objective of consulting services ("the Services") is to **prepare the Concept** for establishing and developing an integrated database of land resources, according to the guidelines mentioned below (in ToR in more detail).

- A) Define together with the agency (and possibly other stakeholders such as key data providers and key data users) the needs that are expected to be fulfilled by the database;
- B) Identify all the requirements to be fulfilled by the database and the supporting infrastructure. In particular, the integrated database created based on the aforementioned concept shall be compatible with the databases and database management systems of the current and potential information flow centers;
- C) The concept shall include the hardware and software requirements for establishment, adoption, management and improvement of an integrated database taking into account the current and potential information flows.
- D) The database shall be able to integrate both the electronic data and the information/ databases obtained in the field:

The total duration of the assignment is 5 months.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment is available on the following link:

 $\underline{https://docs.google.com/document/d/18qxNBw8YXorJLY2_Eo6yFa9OvZ2XYJhQ/edit?usp=sharing\&ouid=111094613369888933218\&rtpof=true\&sd=true$

The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (MEPA) 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. The evaluation criteria is:

- At least 10 years' experience in assignments enabling organizations to adopt, develop, and operate GIS based functionalities;
- At least 5 years' experience of working on similar assignments to the concept described above;

• In addition to the above, experience in database management related to land resources is preferred.

<u>Note:</u> Projects presented as references must consist of a single contract (and addendum (if any)) and must be completed within the last 5 years (i.e. from 1st of January 2016), although started earlier.

<u>Note: the MEPA reserves it's right to verify submitted references and use obtained information for evaluation purposes.</u>

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 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.

Experience in the projects relevant to the assignment should be submitted in the Form of references available on the following link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/16F3zJXtgBN0c-oUAvZjrLMwFfeBsDcu-/view?usp=sharing

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants Qualification Based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 11:00 a.m. to 17:00 p.m.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by October 21, 2021 at 17:00, Georgian local time.

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