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UNITED WATER SUPPLY COMPANY OF GEORGIA

Selection of Consultants

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Request for Expressions of Interest

March 2026

Georgia

Consulting Service for Detailed Design for Rehabilitation/Construction of the water supply and sewage system of the city of Gori and the villages of Ortasheni and Tiniskhidi of Gori municipality, and Construction of a Wastewater Treatment Plant

UWSCG/GOG/PH1/QCBS-04

CONSULTING SERVICES

Expressions of Interest

The *United Water Supply Company of Georgia* has received financing from the *Government of Georgia* ("GOG"). It intends to use part of the funds thereof for payments under the following project: **"Water and Sewerage Systems and Related Infrastructure Improvement Project"**, Phase 1.

The Services of the consultant shall mean the *Consulting Service for Detailed Design for Rehabilitation/Construction of the water supply and sewage system of the city of Gori and the villages of Ortasheni and Tiniskhidi of Gori municipality, and Construction of a Wastewater Treatment Plant - UWSCG/GOG/PH1/QCBS-04*.

Consulting Service shall include Detailed Design for:

Rehabilitation/Construction of the water supply and sewage system of the city of Gori and Construction of a Wastewater Treatment Plant;

- Population: 48,143 people;
- Currently, the company serves 90% of the city with its sewage system. The approximate length of the existing network is 135 km, on which a CCTV survey shall be conducted. Based on the results obtained, rehabilitation and construction works of the existing system shall be determined.
- A new sewage system with an approximate length of 15 km shall be installed in the remaining 10% of the city;
- The current wastewater treatment plant is not functioning; therefore, a new facility needs to be designed.
- Currently, the company serves 100% of the city with its water supply system. The approximate length of the existing network is 140 km, which is to be rehabilitated. Based on a detailed study, rehabilitation and construction works of the existing system shall be determined.

Water supply and sewage systems for the village of Ortasheni, Gori Municipality:

- Population: 568 people;
- Currently, the company does not serve the village with water supply and sewage systems. Accordingly, it is necessary to design a water supply system with an approximate length of 10 km and a sewage system with an approximate length of 12 km;
- The designed sewage infrastructure shall be connected to the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant in the city of Gori.

Water supply and sewage systems for the village of Tiniskhidi, Gori Municipality:

- Population: 1,800 people;
- Currently, the company does not serve the village with water supply and sewage systems. Accordingly, it is necessary to design a water supply system with an approximate length of 25 km and a sewage system with an approximate length of 30 km;
- The designed sewage infrastructure shall be connected to the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant in the city of Gori.

After completion of the detailed design service, the Consultant will be requested to provide the technical part of the Tender Package, including the Works Requirement/Specification and BOQ (Priced and tender version, empty), adapted so that UWSCG is able to announce the International Procurement under IFIs' procurement rules.

The *UWSCG* hereby invites Applicants to show their interest in delivering the Services described above.

This Request for Expressions of Interest is open to:

☒ Consulting firms

☐ Individual consultants

☐ NGOs

☐ Joint Venture between NGO(s) and consulting firm(s)

Eligibility criteria are specified in sub-clause 1.3 of the "Procurement Guidelines for AFD-Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries", available online on AFD's website: <http://www.afd.fr>.

The Applicant shall submit only one application, either in its own name or as a member of a Joint Venture (JV). If an Applicant (including any of the JV members) submits or participates in more than one application, those applications shall all be rejected. However, the same Subconsultant may participate in several applications.

If the Applicant is a JV, the expression of interest shall include:

– a copy of the JV Agreement entered into by all members,

or

– a letter of intent to execute a JV Agreement, signed by all members together with a copy of the Agreement proposal,

In the absence of this document, the other members will be considered as Subconsultants.

Experiences and qualifications of Subconsultants are not taken into account in the evaluation of the applications.

The Applicant shall demonstrate the following financial capabilities:

Criterion	Requirement	Single Entity	Joint Venture Turnover in GEL		
			All Parties Combined	Each Member	One Member
Average Turnover	Minimum Average Turnover GEL 24,000,000.00 <i>(minimum average turnover for the last three years)</i>	Must meet req.	Must meet the requirement	N/A	N/A
Average liquidity ratio	Average liquidity ratio for the last three (3) years > 1 <i>((Current assets) / (Current liabilities) > 1)</i>	Must meet req.	N/A	N/A	The leader must meet requirement

The Applicant not complying the both criteria will be rejected and will not be evaluated further.

The Applicant and, in case of a JV, each member shall provide copies of financial statements for 3 years (2024, 2023, 2022) pursuant to the above-mentioned Criteria. The financial statements shall:

- Reflect the financial situation of the Applicant or, in case of a JV, each member, and not an affiliated entity (such as parent company or group member);
- Be independently audited or certified in accordance with local legislation;
- Be complete, including all notes to the financial statements;
- Correspond to accounting periods already completed and audited.

Interested Applicants must provide information evidencing that they are qualified and experienced to perform those Services. For that purpose, **documented evidence** of recent and similar services shall be submitted. A maximum of 10 (ten) past experiences (out of which at least two contracts must be completed during the last four years, from January, 2022) shall be presented by the applicants. Determination of the similarity of the experiences will be based on their respective relevance to the services to be performed, as described above.

In particular, it is expected that Applicants present the past experience for contracts whose characteristics are similar to one or more of the following criteria:

- Preparation of Detailed Design Reports, including
 - Drinking water well;

- Drinking water well;
- Water supply pumping station;
- Drinking water storage - regulation reservoir with a volume of at least 500 m³;
- Water supply distribution network and main pipes of at least 80 km;
- Unified automatic control system of water supply system components (SCADA);
- Water disinfection system with automatic control
- Sewage pumping station;
- Sewage network and collector at least 100 km;
- Sewage treatment plant with a capacity of at least 10000 m³/day.

Note: The Applicant must have at least one experience in each of the above-listed fields.

- Preparation of Tender Package under IFIs financed Project;
- Region – Georgia and EU Countries. If the presented experience refers to another country other than the one listed, only the country outside the Applicant's registration country will be considered.

The Applicant must have at least one experience in each criterion; otherwise, the application will be disqualified.

The UWSCG shall not analyse CVs of experts' profiles at this stage.

Among the submitted applications, UWSCG will shortlist a maximum of five (5) Applicants, to whom the Request for Proposals to carry out the Services shall be sent.

The Expressions of Interest must be submitted to the address below **no later than 15:00 Tbilisi Local Time, April 7, 2026.**

United Water Supply Company of Georgia LLC (UWSCG),

Attention: Salome Vashakidze, Deputy Director for Financial Affairs;

Eteri Piranishvili, Head of the International Procurement Department.

Address: 2nd Floor (Chancellery), UWSCG Head Office, 5 Ana Politkovskaya Street, Tbilisi, Georgia (0186)

The Submitted Applications **will be opened at 15:15 Tbilisi Local Time, April 7, 2026.** Address: Conference Room, UWSCG Head Office, 5 Ana Politkovskaya Street, Tbilisi, Georgia (0186)

Interested Applicants may obtain clarifications by writing to the email address above, no later than 5 working days before the deadline for receipt of Expressions of Interest.

Email address: Info.procurement@water.gov.ge; cc: e.piranishvili@water.gov.ge

The Client will respond to requests for clarification in writing, publishing the responses on the same media as the initial publication of the Request for Expressions of Interest, without identifying the entity that requested clarification.

**Appendix to The Request for Expressions of Interest
(To be submitted with the application, signed and unaltered)**

Statement of Integrity, Eligibility, and Environmental and Social Responsibility

Reference of the EOI for “Consulting Service for Detailed Design for Rehabilitation/Construction of the water supply and sewage system of the city of Gori and the villages of Ortasheni and Tiniskhidi of Gori municipality, and Construction of a Wastewater Treatment Plant” (the “**Contract**”)

To: United Water Supply of Georgia LLC (the “**Contracting Authority**”)

1. We recognise and accept that the *Government of Georgia* (“**GOG**”) only finances projects of the Contracting Authority subject to its own conditions. As a matter of consequence, no legal relationship exists between GOG and our company, our joint venture, or our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, or subconsultants. The Contracting Authority retains exclusive responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the procurement process and performance of the contract. The Contracting Authority means the Purchaser, the Employer, the Client, as the case may be, for the procurement of goods, works, plants, consulting services, or non-consulting services.
2. We hereby certify that neither we nor any other member of our joint venture nor any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, or subconsultants is in any of the following situations:
 - 2.1 Being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by the courts, having entered into receivership, reorganisation or being in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure;
 - 2.2 Having been:
 - a) convicted, within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of *res judicata* in the country where the Contract is implemented, of fraud, corruption or of any other offense committed during a procurement process or performance of a contract (in the event of such conviction, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this conviction is not relevant in the context of this Contract);
 - b) subject to an administrative sanction within the past five years by the European Union or by the competent authorities of the country where we are constituted, for fraud, corruption or for any other offense committed during a procurement process or performance of a contract (in the event of such sanction, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this sanction is not relevant in the context of this Contract);
 - c) convicted, within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of *res judicata*, of fraud, corruption, or of any other offense committed during the procurement process or performance of a GOG-financed contract;
 - 2.3 Being listed for financial sanctions by the United Nations, the European Union, and/or France for fight-against-terrorist financing or a threat to international peace and security;
 - 2.4 Having been subject within the past five years to a contract termination fully settled against us for significant or persistent failure to comply with our contractual obligations during contract performance, unless this termination was challenged and dispute resolution is still pending or has not confirmed as a full settlement against us;
 - 2.5 Not having fulfilled our fiscal obligations regarding payments of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of either the country where we are constituted or the Contracting Authority's country;
 - 2.6 Being subject to an exclusion decision of the World Bank and being listed on the website <http://www.worldbank.org/debarr> (in the event of such exclusion, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this exclusion is not relevant in the context of this Contract);

- 2.7 Having created false documents or committed misrepresentation in documentation requested by the Contracting Authority as part of the procurement process of this Contract.
3. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any of the members of our joint venture, nor any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, or subconsultants are in any of the following situations of conflict of interest:
- 3.1 Being an affiliate controlled by the Contracting Authority or a shareholder controlling the Contracting Authority, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of GOG and resolved to its satisfaction;
- 3.2 Having a business or family relationship with a Contracting Authority's staff involved in the procurement process or the supervision of the resulting Contract, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of GOG and resolved to its satisfaction;
- 3.3 Being controlled by or controlling another bidder or consultant, or being under common control with another bidder or consultant, or receiving from or granting subsidies directly or indirectly to another bidder or consultant, having the same legal representative as another bidder or consultant, maintaining direct or indirect contacts with another bidder or consultant which allows us to have or give access to information contained in the respective applications, bids or proposals, influencing them or influencing decisions of the Contracting Authority;
- 3.4 Being engaged in a consulting services activity, which, by its nature, may conflict with the assignments that we would carry out for the Contracting Authority;
- 3.5 In the case of procurement of goods, works, or plants:
- a) Having prepared or having been associated with a consultant who prepared specifications, drawings, calculations, and other documentation to be used in the procurement process of this Contract;
- b) Having been recruited (or being proposed to be recruited) ourselves or any of our affiliates, to carry out works supervision or inspection for this Contract.
4. If we are a state-owned entity, and to compete in a procurement process, we certify that we have legal and financial autonomy and that we operate under commercial laws and regulations.
5. We undertake to bring to the attention of the Contracting Authority any change in the situation about points 2 to 4 above.
6. In the context of the procurement process and performance of the corresponding contract:
- 6.1 We have not, and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) deliberately intended to deceive others, to intentionally conceal items, to violate or vitiate someone's consent, to make them circumvent legal or regulatory requirements, and/or to violate their internal rules to obtain illegitimate profit;
- 6.2 We have not, and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) contrary to our legal or regulatory obligations or our internal rules to obtain illegitimate profit;
- 6.3 We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to (i) any Person who holds a legislative, executive, administrative or judicial mandate within the State of the Contracting Authority regardless of whether that Person was nominated or elected, regardless of the permanent or temporary, paid or unpaid nature of the position and regardless of the hierarchical level the Person occupies, (ii) any other Person who performs a public function, including for a State institution or a State-owned company, or who provides a public service, or (iii) any other person defined as a Public Officer by the national laws of the Contracting Authority's country, an undue advantage of any kind, for himself or for another Person or entity, for such Public Officer to act or refrain from acting in his official capacity;
- 6.4 We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to any Person who occupies an executive position in a private sector entity or works for such an entity, regardless of the nature of his/her capacity, any undue advantage of any

kind, for himself or another Person or entity for such Person to perform or refrain from performing any act in breach of its legal, contractual or professional obligations;

- 6.5 We have not, and we will not engage in any practice likely to influence the contract award process to the detriment of the Contracting Authority and, in particular, in any anti-competitive practice having for object or for effect to prevent, restrict or distort competition, namely by limiting access to the market or the free exercise of competition by other undertakings;
- 6.6 Neither we nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, or subconsultants shall acquire or supply any equipment nor operate in any sectors under an embargo of the United Nations, the European Union, or France;
- 6.7 We commit ourselves to comply with and ensure that all of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, or subconsultants comply with international environmental and labour standards, consistent with laws and regulations applicable in the country of implementation of the Contract, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and international environmental treaties. Moreover, we shall implement environmental and social risk mitigation measures when specified in the environmental and social commitment plan (ESCP) provided by the Contracting Authority.
7. We, as well as members of our joint venture and our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, or subconsultants, authorise AFD to inspect accounts, records, and other documents relating to the procurement process and performance of the contract and to have them audited by auditors appointed by AFD.

Name: _____ In the capacity of: _____

Duly empowered to sign in the name and on behalf of¹: _____

Signature: _____

Dated: _____

¹ In case of joint venture, insert the name of the joint venture. The person who will sign the application, bid or proposal on behalf of the applicant, bidder or consultant shall attach a power of attorney from the applicant, bidder or consultant.