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

HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN JORDAN WATER SECTOR EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

Loan No.: 9560-JO, CFF TF No. TF0C1892

Assignment Title: Independent Verification Agency (IVA)

Reference No.: JO-WAJ-413960-CS-QCBS

The Ministry of Water and Irrigation has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF) in the amount of US\$300,000,000 to be managed by the World Bank, toward the cost of the Jordan Water Sector Efficiency Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for consulting services to be procured under this project.

The consulting services ("INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION AGENCY (IVA)") include verifying four PBCs achievement reported by the Program Implementing Agencies (IAs) (WAJ, MWI, JVA, and WCs). The Independent Verification Agency (IVA) will verify the achievement for four PBCs, using agreed-on Verification Protocol (VP) between the World Bank and the PMD at WAJ. The IVA is not responsible for any financial auditing or verifying funding or budgetary expenditure, the IVA is strictly to report on technical compliance with the VP.

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

The Water Authority of Jordan 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. Consultant Brochures may also be included in the EOI. The shortlisting criteria are:

- 1. Firm's brochure
- 2. Similar assignments, the consultants shall consider submitting only relevant projects up to 5 projects.

It is preferable to limit the EoI to a maximum of 30 pages.

The shortlist will contain 6 to 8 firms.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), 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 subconsultancy. 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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the "World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers", dated November 2020" and to be specifically set out in the Request for Proposals.

Further information can be obtained in writing through the email address below at the address below during office hours (8:30 am to 4:00 pm Jordan Time).

Expressions of interest must be submitted only by email to the email(s) provided below, by October 10th, 2024, 12 pm Jordan time.

THE WATER AUTHORITY OF JORDAN

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