

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRMS SELECTION)**

HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

JORDAN WATER SECTOR EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

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

Assignment Title: TECHNICAL ASSISTANT CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE JORDAN WATER SECTOR EFFICIENCY PROGRAM (P176619)

Reference No. :JO-WAJ-413938-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 (the Technical Assistant) include providing comprehensive technical assistance and support to the Project Management Directorate (PMD) (PMU) at the Water Authority in Jordan, the Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI), the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA), and the Project implementation Units (PIUs) at the Water Companies (WCs) throughout the implementation of the project. The assignment encompasses two main elements:

1. Firm technical assistance services to support the PMD (PMU) and other Project Executing Agencies in key elements of project management and oversight. This involves coordinating project planning, monitoring, technical review of tender documents, advisory services on technical and project management matters, training and capacity building support, implementation progress monitoring, performance tracking against key indicators, and providing risk management planning and oversight support on environmental and social issues.
2. Technical, on-demand support for specific aspects of program implementation and oversight, to be addressed on an ad-hoc basis.

The 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. Description of similar assignments, and in similar conditions
2. The firm's core business and general experience years in business and overall competence in relevance to this assignment.
3. The firm financial capability.

It is preferable to limit the Eoi to a maximum of 50 pages.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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 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.

The Applicant's attention is drawn to the following :

- a. National consulting engineering firms satisfying the requirements as defined in this request for Expression of Interest and the attached ToR and classified as First Grade (1) in the field of Water and Wastewater as per the Government Tender Directorate (GTD) classification system;
- b. International consulting firms satisfying the requirements as defined in this request for Expression of Interest and the attached ToR. If awarded, the international consultant shall register with the relevant authorities such as (Ministry of Housing and Public Works, Jordanian Engineers Association, Jordanian Contractors Association, Ministry of Industrial and Trade, ...etc.);
- c. A Joint Venture of national and international consulting firms or an international consulting firm with a local Sub-Consultant, all satisfying to the requirements under points a and b. The national consulting firm, regardless of whether JV member or Sub-Consultant, shall also meet of the requirements mentioned under a) as applicable.

Shortlisted Consultants will be invited to submit their proposals, upon which a Consultant will be selected in accordance with the (QCBS) described in the "World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers", dated November 2020" and to be specifically set out in the Request for Proposals.

The TOR full version can be found on Water Authority of Jordan website at the following link <https://www.mwi.gov.jo/Ar/TendersDetails>

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 delivered in a **hard copy** to the address below and/or by below email(s) by **May (23), 2024**, 12 pm Jordan time.

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