

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Country: Republic of Uzbekistan

IDA Credit: 6549-UZ

Project: Agriculture Modernization Project of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Package: Selecting an Architect to develop concept and general architecture of digitalization of agriculture with all the necessary «soft» and «hard» components for the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Package No.: AMP/C3/QCBS/01

1. The Agency for implementation of the projects in the field of agroindustry and food security (UZAIFSA) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Agriculture Modernization Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The consulting services («the Services») include the **Selecting an architect to develop concept and general architecture** (Digitalization of agriculture with all the necessary «soft» and «hard» components) to achieve the goals of the concept in the framework of the Agriculture modernization project.

2. The consulting services («the Services») include the **Selecting an Architect to develop concept and general architecture of digitalization of agriculture with all the necessary «soft» and «hard» components** to achieve the goals of the concept in the framework of the Agriculture modernization project. The UZAIFSA now invites Individual Consultants («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. Consultants may team up with other firms to improve their skills, but should clearly indicate whether the association is a joint venture and/or a sub-consultant. In the case of a joint venture, all joint venture partners will be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if any.

3. Consulting firms should provide comprehensive information demonstrating their qualifications and experience in performing such services (information on organization, key personnel, past experience, a list of past and present tasks of a similar nature, and any other information that may demonstrate the consultant's ability to perform the task satisfactorily).

4. Consulting firms should include the following information to their EOI:

● Consulting Firm Information

Date:	Country of Incorporation:
Consultant Name:	Acronym:
EOI Submission Authorized by:	Position

● Associations (Joint Venture or Sub-consultancy)

Consultant	Acronym	Country of Incorporation	Joint Venture (JV) or Sub-consultant	EOI Submission Authorized By	Position

Present the rationale for and benefits of working in association (JV or Sub-consultant) with others rather than undertaking the assignment independently (as appropriate). Describe the proposed management and coordination approach of the association and the role of each firm.

● Technical competence

Project References - highlight the technical qualifications of your entity/consortium in undertaking similar assignments. Provide details of past experiences working with similar project authorities

● Management Competence

- Describe standard policies, procedures, and practices that your entity has to assure quality interaction with clients and outputs. Please state if your company is ISO certified.

- How your firm/consortium handles complaints concerning the performance of experts or quality of the reports submitted for previous and future assignments? What internal controls are in place to address and resolve complaints?

- How you ensure the quality of your firm's/consortium's performance over the life of assignments.

● Projects references

Present relevant projects to demonstrate the firm's technical qualifications and geographical experience (maximum 10 projects).

#	Project	Period	Client	Country	Firm
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● Summary for the Projects listed above

Project Title	
Country / Region	
Start Date	
Completion Date	
Continuous / Intermittent	
Client	
Funding Source	
Description	(indicate your role and input in man-months)

● Eligibility

We, the undersigned, certify to the best of our knowledge and belief:

- We have read the advertisement, including the terms of reference (TOR), for this assignment: (YES/NO);

- Neither the consulting firm nor its JV member or sub-consultant or any of its experts prepared the TOR for this activity: (YES/NO);

- We confirm that the project references submitted as part of this EOI accurately reflect the experience of the specified firm/consortium: (YES/NO);

- Ensuring assignment resulting from our work product under this assignment, our firm, JV member or sub-consultant, and the expert(s) will be disqualified from short-listing and participation in the assignment.

- The lead entity and JV member or sub-consultant are NOT currently sanctioned by or other MDBs. Neither the consulting firm nor the JV member or sub-consultant has ever been convicted of an integrity-related offense or crime related to theft, corruption, fraud, collusion or coercion.

5. Shortlisting criteria:

The company participating in the selection must meet the following requirements:

● at least 3 years of experience in the development of design and technical documentation for information management systems;

● experience in the implementation of at least 2 contracts executed over the past 3 years with a total cost of at least 2.0 million US dollars for the design of integration information systems;

● experience in training the Customer's employees to work in the developed and implemented information systems;

● experience in implementing contracts within the framework of projects with the participation of IFI funds is encouraged.

Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlist stage.

6. The Consultant will be selected through a selection method based on cost and quality (QCBS) in accordance with the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers – Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, World, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016 («the Regulations»).

7. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.16 and 3.17 of the Regulations setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

8. Expressions of interest shall be delivered in writing to the address below (in person or by e-mail) till 18:00 (Tashkent time) by May 21, 2021 along with information.

9. Interested consultants may contact us by e-mail or telephone at the address below during business hours from 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. (Tashkent time).

Terms of Reference: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/153vRcf2PhN0RPdJ6fSKJAVy6CHxK8LP6?usp=sharing>

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