**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)**

**Republic of Armenia**

**Trade Promotion and Quality Infrastructure Project**

**Loan Number 8390-AM**

**Assignment Title: International Resident Advisor for National Institute of Metrology**

**Reference No. (As per Procurement Plan): TPQI-C-3.1.8**

The Republic of Armenia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Trade Promotion and Quality Infrastructure Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Project consists of the following components:

**Component 1: Improving the Effectiveness of the Trade promotion and Quality System**

The objective of this Component is to promote reforms aimed at improving the trade promotion and quality infrastructure system.

**Component 2: Promoting Investment and Exports**

The objective of this component is to strengthen the capacity of local exporters to compete in foreign markets, facilitate cluster development, and attract efficiency seeking Foreign Direct Investment.

**Component 3: Modernizing the National Quality Infrastructure**

The objective of this component is to modernize metrological, accreditation and standards services in order to provide relevant quality assurance services to industry.

**Component 4: Project Management and Monitoring and Evaluation**

The objective of this component is to finance project implementation and monitoring.

The objective of the Assignment is to strengthen the capacity of the National Institute of Metrology (NIM) with regard to industrial metrology that are in line with international standards.

In close coordination with, the NIM staff and other related bodies and with the support from the Ministry of Economy for the areas of respective competence, the Resident Advisor (hereafter “Consultant”) will assist the NIM Director in developing and implementing multi-year strategies, associated action plans, work programs and budget plans of the NIM referring industrial metrology to obtain international recognition of the metrology infrastructure, as well as in providing training to NIM staffs to have the experience and expertise to manage metrology services.

The Consultant will be hired for one year period. In a case of satisfactory performance of Services by the Consultant the extension of Contract duration will be discussed. Maximum duration of the Assignment is 100working days for a minimum of 3 visits per year.

Ministry of Economy of RA and Foreign Financing Projects Management Center of Ministry of Finance of RA (FFPMC) now invite eligible Individual Consultants (Consultants) to indicate their interest in providing the Services.

Interested Consultants should provide their CV, and also information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

***Qualification Requirements***

For this assignment an individual Consultant will be hired, with the following qualifications:

* At least Master’s degree in Engineering, Sciences, Physics, Chemistry, Measurements or related fields;
* At least 7 years’ experience in technical assistance and capacity building activities in the metrology field;
* At least 5 years relevant experience of working at a strategic level with national metrology institutions in transition economies;
* Sound comparative knowledge of relevant legislative and institutional requirements related to the various components of TPQI project;
* Operational experience in metrology field indicated through participation in at least one project in transition countries as a key expert;
* Experience in drafting and implementing calibration and/or testing procedures,
* Experience in implementation of QMS according ISO/IEC 17025 would be a must; and
* Experience in implementation of QMS according ISO 9001 would be an asset;
* Good training, public speaking, diplomatic and written communication skills;
* Excellent computer literacy (Word, Excel, Power Point);
* Excellent command of spoken and written English; and
* Understanding of Armenian or Russian would be an asset.

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 & IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers”, January 2011. (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with Section V, “Selection of Individual Consultants” method procedures set out in the World Bank’s “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans & IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers” January 2011.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from *09:00 to 18:00 hours*.

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 9, 2015, 18:00 (local time)**.

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