**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 Accreditation Body**

**Reference No. (As Per Procurement Plan): TPQI-C-3.2.9**

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 objective of the Assignment is to strengthen the capacity of the new National Accreditation Body (NAB) to become an internationally-recognized accreditation institution.

The Resident Advisor (‘Consultant”) will assist the Director of NAB in developing and implementing multi-year strategies, associated action plans, work programs and budget plans of the NAB, as well as in supporting NAB staffs to have the experience and expertise to manage accreditation through various trainings, according to established international guidelines and internationally accepted guidelines.

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 150 working days for a minimum of 6 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 as well as 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 or related field;
* At least 10 years of experience in organizing of consulting services relating to accreditation in the region or transition economies;
* At least 5 years of work experience in a top management position of an accreditation body;
* Experience in supporting the accreditation body of European countries for membership to accreditation international organization;
* Proven experience in design or development of an accreditation system and conformity assessment process in European countries;
* A solid knowledge of international best practices and targeted export countries’ requirements for accreditation;
* Demonstrate proven results achieved in European countries for membership to accreditation international organization;
* A detailed knowledge and experience of implementation of QMS according to ISO/IEC 17011, ISO/IEC 17025 and application documents related to ILAC, IAF and EA guidelines;
* Experience in working on similar projects in transition countries would be an asset;
* Good training, presentation, 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 will 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 28, 2015, 18:00 (local time)**.

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