

Country: REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
**Name of the Project: PROJECT PREPARATION OF THE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS
MODERNIZATION PROJECT (ISMP)**
Grant No.: TF017003
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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

**“Feasibility Studies and Preparation of Project Documents
For the Irrigation System Modernization Project (ISMP)”
ISMP/GR/QCBS/SW-14/001**

The **Republic of Armenia** has received a grant in the amount of US\$495,000 from the Multi-Donor Europe and Central Asia Capacity Development Trust Fund (ECAPDEV TF) administered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/International Development Association (“World Bank”), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The development objective of the grant is to improve implementation readiness for the Irrigation System Modernization Project (ISMP) to be financed by the Anti-Crisis Fund (ACF) of the Eurasian Development Bank (EDB).

The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

- **Task A:** Feasibility studies for defining investments of the ISMP (feasibility studies for (i) replacement of pumping irrigation by gravity, (ii) rehabilitation of some main and secondary canals and (iii) modernization of on-farm irrigation network);
- **Task B:** Preparation of project documents for the ISMP (preparation of project documents for the ISMP in accordance with the Donor’s guidelines based on the results obtained as a result of Task A; preparation of Draft ISMP Loan Agreement, and preparation of Monitoring Plan (MP) and Project Appraisal Document (PAD) for the ISMP).

The contract for consulting services is expected to start in **October of 2014**. The duration of the assignment - **4 (four) months** after contract signing.

The “**Water Sector Projects Implementation Unit**” **State Agency** 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 (brochures, descriptions of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of technical resources to do the work, general qualifications and number of the key staff (*CVs are not required*), etc). The shortlisting criteria are:

- (i) **firm’s general experience** (*core business and years in business*)
- (ii) **firm’s experience in the field of the assignment** (*number of years in the sector and similar assignments implemented in the last 10 years*)
- (iii) **technical and managerial capacities of the firm** (*managerial and organizational structure, office equipment, etc.*) and
- (iv) **firm’s regional experience** (*Armenia/CIS countries*)

The attention of the interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers](#), January 2011 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a **Joint Venture (JV)** or a **Sub-consultancy** to enhance their qualifications (*please clearly state the status of association, e.g. JV or Sub-consultancy*).

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality-and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours: **from 10.00 to 17.00 (Yerevan time), Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.**

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form in **English** or **Armenian** (one (1) validated hard copy) in person (or by courier services) or by e-mail in the **Adobe PDF format** to the address below not later than **June 4, 2014** and should be clearly marked: “Expressions of Interest for «**Feasibility Studies and Preparation of Project Documents For the Irrigation System Modernization Project (ISMP)**», ISMP/GR/QCBS/SW-14/001.

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