**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**(CONSULTANT SERVICES – SELECTION OF FIRMS)**

Country: Uzbekistan

Project: Improving the Quality and Efficiency of Education Services in the Republic of Uzbekistan

Sector: Finance to MSMEs/Economic Empowerment

Consulting services - Project Management and Supervision

Mode of Financing: IsDB Loan

Financing No. UZB1041

1. The Republic of Uzbekistan has received a financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the Improving the Quality and Efficiency of Education Services in the Republic of Uzbekistan and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services.
2. The objective of appointing the Consulting Company is project management and supervision as per the Terms of Reference.
3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment is attached to this request for expressions of interest.
4. The start date of the consultancy services will depend on the readiness of the detailed design for the construction works and is scheduled for Q1 of 2026. The assignment completion date will depend on the completion of all the construction works and is expected to be 48 months excluding the defect liability period.
5. Defects Liability Period (DLP): The Consultant shall be responsible for supervising and monitoring works during the DLP, which is expected to be 12 months following the completion of construction. For further details on the Consultant’s responsibilities during DLP, please refer to Task C of the Terms of Reference (TOR).
6. The Ministry of Preschool and School Education (MoPSE) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide specific information which demonstrates that they are fully qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).
7. The shortlisting criteria are:

**Eligibility Compliance**

1. The Consultant must comply with IsDB eligibility rules (Part 1, Chapter 1, Section 1.11).
2. The Consultant must be established or incorporated in a member country.
3. The Consultant must not be subject to any restrictions, sanctions, or debarment by IsDB or any other major international financing institution.
4. The Consultant must be free from any conflict of interest that could give rise to a competitive advantage.

**Relevant Experience and Performance**

1. The Consultant should have a minimum of 8 years of professional experience in architecture, project management and supervision in civil works. The firm should have completed multiple public infrastructure projects, preferably in the education or social sectors.

**General Experience of the Firm**

1. Years of experience in consulting services (engineering, supervision, project management).

**Specific Experience Relevant to the Assignment**

1. Experience in similar projects including project management, construction supervision, design review & approval, improvement of design, finance, procurement.
2. Three (3) successfully completed (evidenced by completion certificates or client references) similar contracts for public infrastructure (educational, healthcare, housing, or social infrastructure) over the past 8 years.

**Regional/Country Experience**

1. Successful implementation of public infrastructure projects—preferably schools or similar facilities (educational, healthcare, housing, or social infrastructure) - in Uzbekistan or CIS countries, funded by international financial institutions (such as IsDB, ADB, World Bank, or similar).
2. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.
3. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to 1.12.1 and 1.12.2 paragraphs of the Procurement Policy of the Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultancy Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing April 2019 (Revised February 2023) (the “Procurement Guidelines”), setting forth IsDB’s policy on conflict of interest.
4. 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.
5. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS-MC: Quality and Cost-Based Selection with shortlisting from IsDB Member Countries method set out in the Procurement Guidelines.
6. For the purposes of shortlisting, only the qualifications and experience of the lead firm and joint venture partners will be considered. The experience of sub-consultants will not be evaluated at this stage.
7. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 09:00 to 17:00 hours (local time).
8. Expressions of interest in English must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) **by 17:00 (Tashkent time) 4 August 2025**. Electronic submissions must be in PDF format and include scanned or digital signatures. EOIs received after the submission deadline shall be rejected and shall not be evaluated.

The Ministry of Preschool and School Education (MoPSE), Project Implementation Unit 2A Navoiy street, Shayhontohur district, Tashkent (postal code 100011).

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1. Consultants are requested to include the following documentation as per the checklist below:

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| No. | Document | Purpose / Notes |
| 1 | Cover Letter | Brief letter expressing interest, referencing project title and financing number (UZB1041), and introducing the firm. |
| 2 | Firm’s Profile / Company Brochure | Description of the firm, services offered, organizational structure, country of incorporation, IsDB member country status. |
| 3 | Evidence of Eligibility | Certificate of incorporation or registration proving establishment in an IsDB member country. |
| 4 | Self-Declaration of No Conflict of Interest and No Sanctions | Signed statement confirming compliance with IsDB Guidelines §1.11 and §1.12; not under sanction or conflict of interest. |
| 5 | General Experience of the Firm | Overview of the firm’s years of experience in engineering, architecture, supervision, and project management of civil works. |
| 6 | Specific Relevant Experience | List of at least three (3) similar assignments completed in the last 8 years with:  - Name of project  - Location  - Client  - Duration and year  - Scope of work  - Contract value |
| 7 | Completion Certificates or Client References | Supporting documents for each project listed under item 6 to validate claims of successful completion. |
| 8 | Experience in Uzbekistan / CIS Region | Highlight projects successfully implemented in Uzbekistan or CIS countries, especially funded by IFIs (IsDB, ADB, World Bank). |
| 9 | Evidence of Experience with IFIs (if applicable) | Projects carried out with IsDB, ADB, World Bank, etc. are advantageous, though not mandatory. |
| 10 | Organizational Capacity Statement | Explanation of staff capacity and resources for managing long-duration and multi-site assignments; outline approach to mobilizing key experts. |
| 11 | Description of JV or Association (if applicable) | Clarify type of association (JV or sub-consultancy); include signed MoU or draft agreement; indicate which firm will act as lead. |
| 12 | Contact Information of Authorized Representative | Name, title, email, phone number, and official address of person authorized to communicate on behalf of the firm. |
| 13 | Declaration of Intent to Participate in Full Proposal | Letter confirming firm’s intent to submit a full proposal if shortlisted. |