**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 - Development of detailed designs for schools

Mode of Financing: IsDB&ISFD 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 to develop detailed (working) designs, including technical specifications of construction works as well as equipment and furniture for schools.
3. The implementation period is up to 8 months.
4. The assignment is expected to commence in Q4 2025, subject to timely conclusion of the selection process and contract negotiations.
5. The Consultant will carry out the assignment in office and field whenever is required. The project team shall be composed of: Team Leader / Chief Designer, Architect, Structural Engineer, Electrical Engineer, HVAC Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Engineer, Environmental Specialist, Estimating Engineer / Quantity Surveyor, AutoCAD Specialist.
6. Consultants are encouraged to highlight the use of innovative tools, digital methodologies, or sustainability-focused approaches relevant to the design and supervision of public infrastructure.
7. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.
8. 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.).
9. 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 must be a legally registered and operational entity with a minimum of 10 years of professional experience in architecture, engineering design, and construction consultancy services. The firm should have completed multiple public infrastructure projects, preferably in the education or social sectors.
  2. The firm must have successfully completed (evidenced by completion certificates or client references) at least three (3) similar assignments in the past 7 years, involving:

1. Development of detailed engineering designs for public infrastructure (preferably public educational, healthcare, or community infrastructure projects involving design, supervision, or rehabilitation components);
2. Prior experience with multilateral financial institutions (MFIs) is considered beneficial but is not mandatory and shall not constitute a disqualifying criterion.
   1. The firm must have in-house or legally associated access to the following key technical expertise:
3. Urban and architectural design
4. Structural engineering (including seismic design)
5. Electrical and mechanical engineering
6. Environmental and social safeguards
7. Cost estimation and procurement documentation
8. Permitting and approval coordination in Uzbekistan
9. Availability of qualified interdisciplinary team (CVs of Key Experts)
10. Capacity to manage multi-site assignments
    1. The Consultant must:
11. Firms not currently licensed may associate with a firm that holds the requisite licenses in Uzbekistan.
12. Comply with national design standards, including SNiP, GOST, and other regulations approved by the Ministry of Construction
13. Have no conflict of interest with the Employer or related stakeholders
    1. Firms with experience working in Uzbekistan may demonstrate an advantage in local regulatory compliance and permitting, but shall not constitute a disqualifying criterion:
14. Efficient site investigations
15. Access to local regulatory bodies for permitting
16. Effective author’s supervision during construction
17. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.
18. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to 1.12.1 and 1.12.2 paragraphs of the Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultancy Services under IsDB Project Financing (the Procurement Guidelines), setting forth IsDB’s policy on conflict of interest.
19. 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.
20. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Guidelines through shortlisting from eligible domestic firms.
21. This assignment is subject to domestic shortlisting. However, foreign firms are not precluded from expressing interest, provided they form associations with eligible national firms in accordance with IsDB guidelines.
22. 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.
23. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 09:00 to 17:00 hours (local time).
24. Expressions of interest in English or Russian/Uzbek languages 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)   
    1 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.

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

EOI Submission Checklist

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| No. | Document | Comment |
| 1 | Cover Letter | Should reference the assignment title and Financing No. |
| 2 | Firm’s Profile | General background, services, key sectors, and legal status |
| 3 | Evidence of Eligibility | Certificate of incorporation, country of registration, legal status; must be from an IsDB member country |
| 4 | Evidence of No Conflict of Interest / No Sanctions | Recommended: Self-declaration confirming no conflict of interest and not under any sanctions or debarment |
| 5 | List of Similar Assignments | Include client name, scope, location, duration, contract value, and reference contact (include at least 3) |
| 6 | Completion Certificates or Client References | Needed to prove successful completion of projects listed |
| 7 | Details of Any Associations (JV or Sub-consultants) | Clearly state type of association; attach MoU or draft agreement if JV |
| 8 | Proof of Access to Key Technical Experts | CVs are not required at this stage, but organizational structure, availability or access to required experts should be shown |
| 9 | List of In-House / Associated Experts (Position-based) | Recommended: Table indicating availability of experts like Architect, Structural, HVAC, etc. |
| 10 | Description of Local Experience | Especially if claiming familiarity with Uzbekistan’s permitting and SNiP/GOST codes |
| 11 | Contact Details of the Authorized Representative | Name, title, phone, email – must be clearly stated |
| 12 | Signed Declaration of Commitment (optional but recommended) | Include a declaration of interest and commitment to submit a full proposal if shortlisted |
| 13 | Evidence of Compliance with Uzbek Licensing (if available) | Or include statement of intent to associate with a licensed local firm if not licensed |