



**STATE OF PALESTINE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
GENERAL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT (GSD)
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
PALESTINIAN WATER AUTHORITY**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

Country: State of Palestine

Name of Project: Water Security Development- Gaza Central Desalination

Program: Associated Works Project Phase I (AWP-Phase 1)

Project ID No.: P168739

Assignment Title: National Program to Develop Regional Water Utilities in Palestine (Phase 1)

Reference No.: PWA/GCDP/CS17/QCBS

Invitation No.: PWA-GSD/WB/2023/141

The Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Water Security Development - Gaza Central Desalination Program: Associated Works Project Phase I (AWP-Phase 1), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include establishing Regional Water Utilities (RWUs) through developing a detailed implementation plan for merging water and wastewater Service Providers with each other towards creating RWU. The required services are available in the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment that can be found at the following website: <http://www.pwa.ps/ebids.aspx>.

The estimate level of effort for the key staff is 40 person-months. The assignment is expected to commence in March 2024, and the implementation period is around Ten (10) months.

The General Supplies Department (GSD) 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. The shortlisting criteria are:

- General Experience: Have been in business for at least the past 20 years in institutional development field.
- Specific Experience: Evidence of Firm capability and relevant experience in the execution of Consultancy Assignment of a similar nature, including the nature and value of the relevant contracts, as well as works in hand and contractually committed (list presented should not exceed 10 relevant assignments. The first 10 assignments will only be considered). The evidence shall include successful experience in the execution of at least one (1) similar assignment, or sum of two (2) or three (3) Consultancy Services that are similar in nature and size and complexity during the last five (5) years, with focus on implementing part.

Key Experts in the ToRs will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 Revised November 2017, August 2018 and November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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.

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

Interested eligible Consultants may obtain expression of interest documents from GSD website (<http://www.gs.pmf.ps/>) or Government Procurement Portal (www.shiraa.gov.ps), and they may obtain further information from the Directorate of General Supplies (GSD) at the Ministry of Finance (MOF) e-mail address: (gsd@pmof.ps) or at the address below during office hours from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, by mail, or by email, on or before **Monday 21/8/2023 no later than 12:30 noon local time**, the expressions of interest will be opened at the same deadline for submission in the meeting hall at the address below in the presence of the companies' representatives and anyone who chooses to attend.

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