

MINISTRY OF PLANNING

MODERNIZATION OF PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT (P 151357).

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST for PIM-PPP Capacity Need Assessment for Federal Ministry of Planning

Contract ref #: MOP.PIM.CQS.06

The Government of Iraq –Federal Ministry of Planning (MOP) has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), one of the World Bank Group institutions, toward the cost of the Modernization of Public Financial Management Systems Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Modernization of Public Financial Management Systems Project is a US\$41.5 million launched in 2016 with the development objective aimed at supporting the Government of Iraq (GoI) in the modernization of Iraq's PFM systems to improve financial information management and transparency, budget management including preparation, execution and transfers, cash management, public investment management, and public procurement modernization at selected federal and governorate agencies.

The Federal MOP intends to hire a consulting firm to support the MOP in undertaking a capacity need assessment of (Sectors Planning Directorate, Public Investment Directorate, Economic Directorate and the regional and local development Directorate) in MOP. The objective of the assignment is to ensure before the Federal MoP embarks on specific capacity and capability development program as envisioned under the PFM modernization project; the Federal MoP needs to assess objectively how well it is operating in the realm of PIM-PPP by identifying its strengths, its weaknesses, its gaps, and the constraints it faces. The CNA will include assessment of:

- PIM-PPP Governance Framework Implementation;
- MoP and IDMS Readiness for IFMIS;
- Readiness to Maximize MFD Opportunities; and
- PIM-PPP Staff Capacity.

The Federal MOP 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. Eligible consultant will have to meet the following criteria to be invited to submit full proposals:

- The consulting firm shall have experience in public investment and public-private partnership management and supervisory work on at least one PFM project with similar scope and preferably one PIM-PPP project.
- The firm shall have adequate personnel with expertise in PIM-PPP management, in line with organizational change initiatives.
- The firm shall have concrete experience working in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualification based Selection (CQS) method set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers* (January 2011 revised on July 2014).

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Baghdad time

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, , by e-mail) by **[starting date 19/6/2018] . { closing date 3/7/2018 }**

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