## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

## Consultancy Service: Feasibility Study and Detailed Engineering Design Consultant for Water Utilities (MISTI-USWSDP-CS-01)

Country: Cambodia Project Title: URBAN SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (USWSDP) Grant No.: S0838A Contract No. and Title: MISTI-USWSDP-CS-01, Consultancy Service: Feasibility Study and Detailed Engineering Design Consultant for Water Utilities Client: Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation (MISTI)

- 1. The Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation (MISTI) has received financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) toward the cost of the preparation of Cambodia Urban Sustainable Water Supply Development Project (USWSDP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds for **consulting services**.
- 2. The objective of the assignment:

The main objective of the consultancy services is to support MISTI to prepare the Investment Project with sufficient readiness for AIIB Board consideration and for project implementation.

The specific objectives of the consultancy services are detailed in the TOR which can be downloaded from the link provided in point #3 below.

The assignment duration is 12 months, the expected date of commencement of services is 28 June 2025, the total man-month of key experts is estimated to be 108 man-months

- 3. The MISTI now invites expressions of interest from eligible consulting firms to undertake the abovementioned services, for which the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) can be found at: <u>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hz6UriOViPPYJcjuVxx5oFM16b2JTIWk?usp=sharing</u> or can be obtained at the address given below.
- 4. Interested Consulting Firms shall provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. The shortlisting shall be based on the information demonstrating that the Consultants are qualified to perform the services. The Consulting firm, or firms in the case of a joint venture, shall have the following qualifications:
  - a) The Consultant shall provide at least 3 (three) documented relevant references of experience of Projects with similar scope of services, over the previous 10 (ten) years of operation.
  - b) The Consulting firm, or lead firm in the case of a joint venture, shall have a minimum of 15 years of experience in infrastructure engineering consultancy, of which at least ten (10) years of experience shall be in the water sector preparation of water supply FSR and/or detailed engineering designs of water supply system.
  - c) The Consulting Firm or any or all firms together in case of a joint venture shall have substantially completed at least two similar assignments (FSR and ESIA and Detailed Engineering Design) on multilateral donor financed projects in the last 10 years, with each project cost of minimum USD 100 million and above.
  - d) The Consulting Firm or lead firm in case of a joint venture shall have experience of working on at least one completed similar assignment in the last five years in Cambodia or in any country in Asia.
- 5. Key Experts shall not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

- 6. The attention of the interested Consultants is drawn to Section 2 of the Bank's Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipients (July 2024, as amended from time to time), setting forth the Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- 7. 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 or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
- 8. Following this invitation for Expression of Interest, a shortlist of qualified firms shall be formally invited to submit proposals. Only those firms, which have been shortlisted, will receive notification. The Consultant shall be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the AIIB's Procurement Policy (June 26, 2024, as amended from time to time) and Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipients (July 26, 2024, as amended from time to time) and Royal Government of Cambodia's Standard Operating Procedures.
- 9. Further information in a written form can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 8:00AM to 5:00PM at the General Department of Potable Water (GD/WAT), MISTI, No. 45, Preah Norodom Blvd., Phnom Penh, Cambodia. H.E. Tan Sokchea, Director General of General Department of Potable Water/AIIB Project Manager, Email: tan.sokchea@gmail.com; Cc: H.E. Houl Bonnarith, Under Secretary of State/AIIB Project Director, Email: houl.bonnarith@misti.gov.kh, and Mr. Kim Chanrithy, Procurement Officer, Email: kimchanrithy123@gmail.com and misti.uswsdp@misti.gov.kh.
- 10. Expressions of Interest shall be delivered either in electronic and hard copy (1 electronic and 2 hard copies) or only in electronic (1 electronic) with a submission letter clearly indicating the assignment title and reference number to the address below by 20 December 2024 (before 17:00 hours, Cambodia Time).

Attn: H.E. Houl Bonnarith, Under Secretary of State/AIIB Project Director, MISTI, No. 45, Preah Norodom Blvd., Phnom Penh, Cambodia, E-mail: houl.bonnarith@misti.gov.kh; Cc: H.E. Tan Sokchea, Director General of General Department of Potable Water/AIIB Project Manager, Email: tan.sokchea@gmail.com; and Mr. Kim Chanrithy, Email: kimchanrithy123@gmail.com and misti.uswsdp@misti.gov.kh.

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