

Project name	Uzbekistan Public Distributed Solar Energy Development
Country	Republic of Uzbekistan
Business Sector	Energy
Project number/Grant number	P000827
Funding source	ASIAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT BANK (AIIB)
Type of contract	Consulting services
Type of notice	Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)
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UZBEKISTAN
Uzbekistan Public Distributed Solar Energy Development

Position Title: National Environmental and Social Specialist (Individual Consultant)

References: No. UPDSED-IC-3

The Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan has received Project Preparation Special Fund (PPSF), hereafter referred to as “the Grant”, in the amount of US\$ 1,700,000 equivalent from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) towards the project preparatory activities for of the Uzbekistan Public Distributed Solar Energy Development (UPDSED) Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The main aim of the consultancy services is to support Yashil Energiya LLC (Project Implementation Entity-PIE) and the Project Manager in monitoring and ensuring that all project-related instruments and activities adhere to the requirements of the AIIB’s Environment and Social Policy (ESP) and national legislation and regulations.

In achieving the main aim of the assignment, the primary objectives of the consulting services are as follows, but not limited to:

- a) Review AIIB’s ESP and determine the environmental and social standards that will apply to the Project;
- b) Identify and review the environment and health and safety legislation adopted in the Republic of Uzbekistan that are relevant to the Project, including but not limited to occupational health and safety laws and waste management regulations;
- c) Ensure and guide the contractors/suppliers to prepare the site-specific Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs), ensuring that the ESMPs/ESMP Checklist, subproject-specific Stakeholder Engagement Plans (SEPs), Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Plan, including relevant trainings and GRM are prepared according to AIIB’s Environmental and Social Framework and relevant national/international regulations;
- d) Supervise and monitor the environmental and social (E&S) performance of the Project activities against agreed E&S objectives and risk management measures. This includes monitoring the implementation of the adopted site-specific ESMPs and ensuring that all project activities are conducted in compliance with the ESMPs/ESMP Checklist, subproject-specific SEPs, and OHS Plan and relevant national/international regulations;
- e) Assist the PIE and the Project Manager in coordinating with various government agencies to ensure that all necessary licenses or environmental permits are obtained, and all E&S issues are addressed;
- f) Conduct site visits for the assessment, supervision and monitoring of the E&S issues of the Project;
- g) Participate in AIIB’s preparation and supervision missions, if necessary, and submit special and technical progress reports from time to time to the AIIB, as necessary;

- h) Coordinate with AIIB Environmental and Social Specialists regarding E&S issues of the AIIB-funded projects and timely inform about these issues and mitigation plans/results if any;
- i) Review E&S documents/reports (such as contractors' site-specific ESMPs, monitoring reports, etc.), prepare comments/recommendations to the PIE's management and relevant stakeholders, and take necessary actions to ensure the required quality of these documents/reports before submitting to the Bank;
- j) Support the PIE to understand and follow AIIB ESF requirements throughout the Project implementation;
- k) Support the PIE and the Project Manager in the establishment and monitoring ES-related grievances submitted through project-specific GRM, and prepare relevant reports in compliance with AIIB ESP;
- l) Provide quality and timely input to the PIE's regular project implementation progress reports on the project's E&S compliance status, including any incidents or non-compliance, as necessary;
- m) Facilitate stakeholder engagement processes, including public consultations, to ensure transparency and community participation in project planning and implementation;
- n) Ensure establishment and effective implementation of the project-specific Grievance Redress Mechanisms (for the communities, CSOs, laborers working with the Contractors, and other stakeholders) and ensure the timely consideration of complaints handling in accordance with the established deadlines, and local/international regulation, if any; and
- o) Perform any other tasks assigned by the Project Manager consistent with the Project's objectives, expected results, and in line with this ToR.

The "Yashil Energiya" LLC (Project Implementation Entity-PIE) under the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan now invites eligible Individual specialists/experts ("Individual Consultant") to submit the Application for the above Position. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Interested Consultants must provide sufficient information (such as CV, Certificates and etc.) indicating that they are qualified to perform the services, demonstrating the following qualifications and experiences:

- Higher education in ecology, environmental engineering, or other corresponding fields, and demonstrable qualifications in social development.
- At least 10 years of total, and at least 5 years of practical experience in ESIA's, ESMPs, E&S safeguards, and compliance monitoring in investment projects financed by IFIs. Prior experience in AIIB projects or other IFIs will be an advantage.
- The specialist should have experience in land acquisition and public consultations and good knowledge of E&S safeguard requirements of IFIs and the national regulations of Uzbekistan.
- Computer skills: Experienced user of Windows programs (MS Word, Excel, etc.).
- Languages: Russian and / or Uzbek language (required), good English speaking and writing skills.

The selection is conducted in accordance with AIIB's Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipients (July 26, 2024) ("Procurement Directive", which can be accessed at <https://www.aiib.org/en/policies-strategies/download/operational-directive/AIIB-Directive-on-Procurement-Instructions-for-Recipients-July-26-2024.pdf>).

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants (OCSIC) method set out in the Procurement Directive.

Interested Consultant may access draft Terms of Reference at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-5WAEU8JVJU9FU19RRmdbACClrVo5lpa/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=107370825167187050872&rtpof=true&sd=true>

The Application Letter, with CV, must be submitted electronically in signed pdf format to the following email address **not later than 3 PM Tashkent Time, 16th May, 2025**.

To: Nasretidinov N.T.

Attention: Director of LLC "Yashil Energiya"

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