REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – SELECTION OF FIRMS)

Country: Republic of Uzbekistan
Project: Uzbekistan Rural Infrastructure Development Program – Phase 2 (RIDP-2)

Assignment Title: Independent Verification Agent (IVA) and Technical Quality Assurance (TQA) for the Uzbekistan Rural Infrastructure Development Program – Phase 2

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): RIDP-II-QCBS-01

The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of the Uzbekistan Rural Infrastructure Development Program – Phase 2 (RIDP-2), with co-financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) expected, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the financing for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include the provision of independent verification and technical quality assurance for the Program. The selected consulting firm will verify the achievement of the Program's Disbursement-Linked Indicators (DLIs) and Disbursement-Linked Results (DLRs) and assess the technical quality of infrastructure investments implemented under the Program.

The scope of the Services includes, but is not limited to, the following activities:

- Verify, for each verification cycle, whether and to what extent each DLR scheduled for that cycle has been achieved, applying the agreed Verification Protocol;

- Determine and document the verified level of achievement of each DLR and, for scalable DLRs, calculate the corresponding amount associated with the verified achievement in accordance with the applicable Verification Protocol and Financing Agreement;

- Conduct independent technical quality assurance of designs and completed civil works under DLI 5 (basic-service infrastructure) and DLI 7 (Common Facilities

Centers), including compliance with applicable national construction norms and the climate-resilience and seismic design requirements specified for the Program; and

- Submit verification and TQA reports to the GoU (through the Program Coordination Team) and to the World Bank in a form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

- Verify, within its mandate, whether relevant environmental and social risk management requirements have been applied for sampled subprojects and CFCs, including E&S screening, exclusion criteria, site-specific mitigation measures, stakeholder engagement, grievance mechanisms, labor and occupational health and safety provisions, community health and safety measures, and documented corrective actions.

The assignment is expected to cover the Program implementation period, indicatively through 30 June 2032, in accordance with the Terms of Reference (TOR).

The detailed Terms of Reference is available via the following link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1z0gx5WBQwMp2Z6sL_r4a0x390oMLh5Pn/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=103485240048263256947&rtpof=true&sd=true

The Joint Projects Implementation Unit (JPIU) 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.

Qualification and experience requirements

- Core business and general experience: Proven track record in successfully completed assignments involving independent verification of results, monitoring and evaluation, performance assessment, technical verification, or similar services under development programs.
- Specific relevant experience: Demonstrated experience in World Bank-financed Program-for-Results (PforR) operations or comparable results-based or output-based financing operations, preferably including independent verification of DLIs/DLRs and preparation of verification reports supporting the determination of achievement of results.

- Infrastructure and TQA experience: Demonstrated experience in technical verification, inspection, technical assessment, and/or quality assurance of public infrastructure works, including assessment against applicable technical specifications, standards, climate-resilience, and/or seismic requirements, or as relevant to the assignment.
- Environmental and social experience: Demonstrated experience in verification or assessment of environmental and social requirements associated with infrastructure investments, including relevant occupational and community health and safety requirements and stakeholder requirements.
- Country and regional experience: Relevant experience in Uzbekistan and/or countries with comparable institutional and operating environments, including the capacity to undertake field inspections, data collection and validation, and engagement with government and other relevant institutions.
- Organizational and technical capacity: Demonstrated organizational and technical capacity to undertake an assignment of this nature, scale, and duration, including access to multidisciplinary expertise relevant to independent verification, infrastructure quality assurance, environmental and social aspects, monitoring and evaluation, and data analysis.
- Financial capacity: Demonstrated sound financial standing and adequate financial capacity to undertake an assignment of comparable size, complexity, and duration.

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality- and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, from **09:00 to 18:00 Tashkent time**.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form to the address below, in person, by mail, or by e-mail, no later than **16:00 (Tashkent time) on 9 December 2026**.

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