

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTANT SERVICES)

Republic of Belarus

Public Financial Management Modernization Project

Loan No. 8606-BY

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Assignment Title: Consulting Services for Assisting the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Belarus in Improvement of the Public Debt Management Methodology
PFMMP/1.2.1/QCBS-1

The Republic of Belarus has applied for a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of the Public Financial Management Modernization Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for assisting the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Belarus in improvement of the public debt management methodology.

Within the scope of the assignment the Consultant shall: (i) prepare an overview of off-the-shelf software products used in debt management; (ii) make recommendations on the optimization of the current legal framework of the Republic of Belarus related to debt; (iii) develop recommendations on improvement of quality and transparency of reporting on direct and government-guaranteed debt, as well as reporting on the debt of local government and local self-government bodies and the debt guaranteed by these bodies; (iv) develop recommendations on improving the analysis and forecast of debt liabilities; (v) develop proposals on effective distribution of functional responsibilities among the staff of General Directorate of Public Debt.

The assignment is expected to cover 13 months and start in Q1, 2018.

Republican Unitary Enterprise “Data Computing Center of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Belarus” - the Project implementing agency, now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified and experienced to perform the required services (brochures, description of similar assignments with indication of Employer and country, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

A consulting company shall meet the related qualification and experience requirements:

- have at least five years of experience in consulting on the technical aspects of the work performed by the units responsible for debt management in the reform of the public financial management system in the countries of the former Soviet Union and Europe;
- have practical experience in implementing similar projects in the recent five years.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection method set out in the Consultant Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, dated January 2011 (revised July 2014).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, dated July 2014, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications. In case of a Joint Venture (JV), all members of the JV will be evaluated jointly for the purpose of short listing and shall be jointly and severally liable for the assignment and shall sign the contract in case of award is made to that JV group. Interested consultants should clearly indicate the structure of their "association" and the duties of the partners and sub consultants in their application. Unclear expression of interests in terms of "in association with" and/or "in affiliation with" and etc. may not be considered for short listing. Keeping one expression of interest per firm as principle, a consultant firm may decide whether it wishes to participate as a sub consultant or as an individual consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. Please note that a firm shall submit only one EOI in the same selection process either individually as a consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. No firm can be a sub consultant while submitting an EOI individually or as a partner of a joint venture in the same selection process. A firm, if acting in the capacity of sub consultant in any consultant or JV, may participate in more than one consultant, but only in the capacity of a sub consultant.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours, i.e. 09.00 to 18.00 (local time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by July 21, 2017 (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail)

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