REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION

***COUNTRY:*** ***Georgia***

***NAME OF PROJECT*: Georgia I2Q - Innovation, Inclusion and Quality**

Loan No. **IBRD 89550-GE**

**Assignment Title:** **Performance Evaluation (****Data Collection and Analysis) for the Georgia Innovation, Inclusion and Quality Project (I2Q)**

**Reference No. GE-MESCS-295156-CS-CQS**

The Georgia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Georgia I2Q - Innovation, Inclusion and Quality Project (“I2Q Project”) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) envisage: Analysis of performance and implementation of I2Q Project’s Components 2 to find if Component’s activities were implemented as designed. Consultant shall assess if: (i) the perception towards teaching and learning in newly build/renovated premises have changed and practices of trained preschool teachers align with the activities’ targeted set of practices related to classroom instruction and classroom management, (ii) impact on teacher training activities and extra curriculum programs.

The Performance Evaluation for the Georgia Innovation, Inclusion and Quality Project (I2Q) shall be conducted in two rounds. The first round is anticipated to start in August, 2022 – January, 2023 to collect and assess the baseline data and the second round shall be conducted in August, 2025 – January, 2026. Consultant will provide the end line data to assess the medium-term impact of the interventions under the Components 2 respectively.

Lump-sum contract will be signed with the successful Consultancy company for a duration of 41 months out of which 5 months are envisaged for the 2022 Baseline Data Collection and 5 months for the 2025 Endline Data Collection. The assignment is expected to commence in August 2022.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/uivo0l1cezugjv3/Georgia_I2Q_Project_Performance_Evaluation_ToR_as%20issued.docx?dl=0>

The Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultancy companies should provide information demonstrating that they have the relevant experience to perform the Services, followed by criteria:

**General Experience:** The Consultancy company should have at least 10 years of experience in conducting social surveys and research, including experience completing complex survey-based data collections.

**Specific Experience:** The Consultancy company should be able to demonstrate successful completion of at least 3 projects/contracts of a similar type, magnitude and complexity to the project under this contract. Each such project/contract should be with approximate value of at least USD 30,000.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at this procurement stage.

Experience in the projects relevant to the assignment should be submitted in the **Form N1** on the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/5fpn4ipo2hou7jl/FORM-N1_specific%20experience.doc?dl=0>

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” revised November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

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 and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with Consultant’s qualifications-based selection **(CQS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours:

**Email:** **procurement****@iiq.gov.ge**

Expressions of interest must be delivered **electronically** to the address below by mail, not later than **June 14, 2022 17:00 local time.**

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