**Contract Award Notice**

**Borrower:** Georgia

**Implementing Agency:** Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia

**Project Name:** Georgia I2Q - Innovation, Inclusion and Quality

**Address:** 52 Dimitri Uznadze Str., 0102 Tbilisi, Georgia

**Project No:** 168481

**Loan No.:**IBRD-8955-GE

**Scope of the Contract:** Fostering Quality Teaching and Learning in General Education through Introduction of Effective Quality Management System, Whole School Improvement Plan and Programs, Improved Assessment Policy, Practice and Methodology

**Contract No:** GE-MESCS-212276-CS-QCBS

**Method of Selection:** Quality and Cost-Based Selection, Open, International

**Duration of the Contract:** 42 months

**DATE OF TRANSMISSION**: August 15, 2022

**Evaluated Consultants:**

1. Name of the Consultant: Joint Venture EDUCTRADE S.A. (Leading Member), A.R.S. Progetti S.P.A (Member), Eptisa Srvicios de Ingenieria S.L (Member), Ensenaza y Pedagogia S.A (ENPESA) (Member) and Union de Centros de Ensenaza S.A (UNICENSA) (Member)/ Spain/Italy/Spain/Spain/Spain

Proposal price as read out at Public opening: EUR 2,749,400.00, excluding all indirect local taxes in accordance with ITC 25.1 in the Data Sheet

1. Name of the Consultant: Joint Venture IBF International Consulting S.A. (Leading Member), European Projects Management Ltd (Member), The Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge (Member) in sub consultancy with Center for Strategy and Development (CSD)/ Belgium/Latvia/UK/Georgia

Proposal price as read out at Public opening: EUR 2,429,755.00, excluding all indirect local taxes in accordance with ITC 25.1 in the Data Sheet

1. Name of the Consultant: San Diego State University Research Foundation (SDSURF) in sub consultancy with Center for International Education (CIE)/ USA/Georgia

Proposal price as read out at Public opening: USD 3,598,476.00, excluding all indirect local taxes in accordance with ITC 25.1 in the Data Sheet

**Rejected Consultants:**

1. Name of the Consultant: SOFRECO in sub consultancy with Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and The Helsinki University HY+/France/Georgia/Finland

Reason of rejection: As per ITC 16.3, “The Consultant and its Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for meeting all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract unless stated otherwise in the Data Sheet”, and as per requirements of ITC 25.1 & FIN 1, the Consultant was expected to submit its Financial Proposal excluding the indirect taxes in the Client’s country. Contrary to this, Sofreco/France submitted incorrect financial proposal, as the line-item budget and respectively the read-out price has excluded all local direct taxes in addition to indirect taxes. Due to the unknown amount of excluded Direct Taxes, it became impossible to evaluate the financial proposal of the consultant as per ITC 25.1 Data Sheet that required “For the purpose of the evaluation, the Client will exclude: (a) all local identifiable indirect taxes such as sales tax, excise tax, VAT, or similar taxes levied on the contract’s invoices; and (b) all additional local indirect tax on the remuneration of services rendered by non-resident experts in the Client’s country.

Proposal price as read out at Public opening: EURO 2,439,700.00, excluding of all direct and indirect local taxes in accordance with ITC 25.1 in the Data Sheet.

**Awarded Consultant:**

Name of the Consultant: Joint Venture IBF International Consulting S.A. (Leading Member), European Projects Management Ltd (Member), The Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge (Member) in sub consultancy with Center for Strategy and Development (CSD)/ Belgium/Latvia/UK/Georgia

Address: Avenue Louise 209A, 1050 Brussels

Contract Amount: EURO 2,867,120.85 including all taxes

Duration of the Contract: 42 months