REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION

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

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

Loan No. **168481**

**Assignment Title:** **Consulting Services for Strengthening the Quality of Pre-Service Teacher Education Programs and Continuous Professional Development Options**

**Reference No**. **GE-MESCS-212344-CS-QCBS**

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

The consulting services (“the Services”) include: upgrade teacher standards, based on a rigorous and comprehensive field study, that will allow students to achieve the National Goals for General Education in Georgia, as well as the general and subject standards defined by the National Curriculum of Georgia. Based on revised teachers standards, review existing benchmarks (standards) and bring into compliance with the best international practice; Implement the capacity building of the National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement (NCEQE) responsible for the implementation of benchmark’s revision processes and quality insurance mechanisms, as well as of the faculties of the high education institutions responsible for the preservice teacher education program implementation; Upgrade and deliver up-to-date pre-service teacher education programs; Revise in-service teachers’ continuous professional development framework and to accommodate different options of professional development, school- and university-based, as well as centralized options of the professional development, supporting and motivating teachers by providing career and status upgrade opportunities, with relevant transparency and fewer bureaucratic impositions on schools and teachers.

The implementation period of the assignment is 40 months, which includes the time needed for the Client to review and approve all submitted reports. Expected start date of assignment is October 2022.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the primary procurement stage for the assignment can be found at the following link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fcmnv6c0rbbyb07/AADfSFJYuGwC9xkYqv6p1Q14a?dl=0>

The Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia 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, followed by short listing criteria:

**General Experience**: The Consultant shall have at least 7 years of relevant experience in providing technical assistance to governments, international organizations, and other relevant institutions in one or both of the areas of higher education and general education, including at least 5 years of international experience. Experience in areas related specifically to pre-service teacher education and teacher professional development will be an advantage.

In the case of a Joint Venture, the leading member should have at least 5 years of relevant experience as set out above, including at least 3 years of international experience, while each member should have at least 3 years of relevant experience, including at least 2 years of relevant international experience.

**Specific Experience:** The Company should have experience of implementing contracts/projects in at least one or more areas most relevant to this project, including:

* + Higher Education Capacity Building
	+ General Education Capacity Building
	+ Teacher Education Program Development
	+ Accreditation for Teacher Education Programs
	+ In-Service Professional Development for Teachers

Experience of implementing relevant projects in the EU/UK and/or US will be an advantage.

In the case of a Joint Venture, the specific experience will be aggregated.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The shortlist will contain 5 to 8 firms.

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

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fcmnv6c0rbbyb07/AADfSFJYuGwC9xkYqv6p1Q14a?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 the “Quality and Cost-Based Selection” 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 in a written form to the address below by mail, by **June 22, 2022.**

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