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ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT MINISTRY OF HOUSING, UTILITIES & URBAN COMMUNITIES

SUSTAINABLE RURAL SANITATION SERVICES PROGRAM FOR RESULTS

“CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST” FOR “International Consulting Firm to Support the Development of a Water and Sanitation Sector Strategy”

The Government of Egypt (GoE) launched the National Rural Sanitation Program (NRSP) with the objective of providing increased access and improved sanitation services in Egypt.

The Ministry of Housing, Utilities, and Urban Communities (MHUUC) has received co-financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (WB) and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) towards the implementation of the Sustainable Rural Sanitation Services Program (SRSSP), and intends to apply a part of the proceeds for consulting services.

Consulting services (“the Services”) are sought to support the development of a Water and Sanitation Sector (WSS) Strategy for Egypt.

The Strategy aims at updating and strengthening the policy and institutional framework of the sector, towards better achieving Egypt’s objectives of sustainable and equitable WSS service.

The assignment includes three stages, to carry out preparatory analytics, draft the Strategy, and propose an action plan for its implementation.

In consultation with sector stakeholders, the analysis and proposals will cover, but will not be limited to, the following evolutions:

. Optimizing water resources sustainability and availability through modern demand management policies (including non-revenue water reduction), and the development of alternative resources including desalination and wastewater reuse:

.Completing the development of wastewater collection and treatment, and sludge management services, to ensure access to sanitation and environmental quality;

.Achieving higher performance and financial sustainability in WSS services, on par with best international practice, through managerial excellence, operational and commercial efficiencies, and effective regulation and financing.

.Strengthening and/or reforming the legal and institutional framework to better achieve national policy objectives, including necessary reorganizations and restructurings.

.Increasing the accountability of service providers to customers and local governments, promoting client orientation, motivating new consumers’ behaviour, and ensuring affordability of service for the poor;

.Lifting obstacles for increased private sector contributions to the growing sector needs in terms of investment, innovation, operational performance and capacity building;

.Planning of investments, setting rules and priorities for programs and projects, including financial sustainability criteria and provisions;

.Ensuring more rigorous and effective asset management by operators, with due planning and financing of maintenance, renovation, and rehabilitation programs;

.Promoting access to innovative and appropriate technologies to optimize operations and investments, including updated standards and procurement methods.

Developing the human capital and capacities of the sector.

Ensuring to include social and environmental aspects while developing the strategy.

The Program Management Unit (PMU) invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. 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.

**Submission Requirements:** In order to assess the capability and experience of the firm, MHUUC will consider the following qualification criteria based on the evidence provided in the written submissions of the interested firms: Consultants profile, organization and staffing (max. 2-4 pages) including copy of legal registration and licenses.

Details of at least three similar assignment contracts successfully completed in the last 10 years (including one contract in the MENA region and two outside the MENA region), including information on consultancy contract/s value, client name, location/country, duration (from mm/yy to mm/yy), consultancy level of effort provided (throughout assignment duration), list of main activities undertaken, results and outcomes achieved.

CVs of key current staff who could lead, carry out and /supervise the MHUUC’s assignment detailing the qualifications, experience in similar assignments, particularly assignments undertaken in the last 10 years, including name of the Client, project location/country, duration (from mm/yy to mm/yy), man-months provided, consultancy assignment budget and main activities.

Audited financial statement for last three years with at least annual turnover $ 6 million.

The consultant shall separate the revenue of technical than management activities.

Litigation History.
The implementation period for this service is estimated to be 24 months and expected to commence by the mid of February 2021.

A firm will be selected for awarding the entire package of Services through a subsequent competition among firms in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method as set out in the Procurement Procedures Manual (PPM) of the SRSSP (a copy of Hiring Consultants guidelines of which in Arabic and English can be obtained from the PMU address indicated below). (80%: 20%) is the technical / Financial weights that will be given to the proposal.

Consulting firms are directed to familiarize themselves with the Prohibited Practices paragraphs of the PPM concerning fraud, corruption and conflict of interest.
The completed Expression of Interest must be delivered in English to the PMU address below in closed envelope no later than October 21, 2020 at 12 P.M.   PMU Address: Ministry Of Housing, Utilities &
Urban Communities Program Management Unit (PMU) 1 Ismail Abaza (branching from El Kasr El Anei Street)- Cairo, Egypt.

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