REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – NATIONAL FIRMS SELECTION)

**Armenia**

**READINESS SUPPORT FOR ACCREDITATION GAP ASSESSMENT, CAPACITY BUILDING AND PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT FOR POTENTIAL ACCREDITED ENTITY PROJECT, GCF**

Grant No.: **ARM-RS-004**

**Assignment Title: Engagement of Consultant for design/advancement of internal regulations aimed at ensuring compliance with GCF fiduciary standards**

**Reference No**.: **GCF-CS/3/2021**

The Armenia Renewable Resources and Energy Efficiency Fund (R2E2) has receivedfinancing from the GCF toward the cost of the “READINESS SUPPORT FOR ACCREDITATION GAP ASSESSMENT, CAPACITY BUILDING AND PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT FOR POTENTIAL ACCREDITED ENTITY” PROJECT, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include advancing the R2E2’s procedures and institutional capacities and making them compliant with the GCF’s fiduciary standards in the manner that is concordant with GCF requirements and that will ensure further smooth review of the application by the GCF Secretariat and Independent Review Board.

The overall duration of the assignment is 3 months.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment is attachedto this request for expressions of interest.

The Armenia Renewable Resources and Energy Efficiency Fund (R2E2) 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. The shortlisting criteria are:

*General experience of the company in implementation of similar assignments (advancing procedures and institutional capacities to match the GCF’s fiduciary standards);*

*Specific experience of the company in implementation of assignments of similar scope and complexity (review of Operational Manual and adding sections (financial, investigations, AML and AT financing policies etc.) requested for passing the GCF accreditation).*

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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” July 2016, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment: *Refer to information on conflict of interest related to the assignment as per paragraph 3.17 of the Procurement Regulations*.

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 Consultant’s Qualifications-Based Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 29/1 Sayat-Nova Ave., 0001 Yerevan, Armenia, +(374-10) 58 80 11, +(374-10) 54 51 21 from *09:00 to 18:00.*

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by E-mail by **October 6, 2021.**

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