REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

**REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

***NAME OF PROJECT:*** IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY PROGRAM FOR STRENGTHENING OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM PROJECT **(Grant # TF0A4543).**

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: SAMPLE SURVEY ON GENDER BASED VIOLENCE, SURVEY ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MARKET)

Reference No. as per Procurement Plan: NSPS-CS-2-1-1

The Republic of Armenia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Implementation of the National Strategy Program for Strengthening of the National Statistical System Project (Grant No. TF0A4543) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Statistical Committee of the Republic of Armenia (SC RA) (hereinafter, the Client) seeks to hire a consulting company (hereinafter, the Consultant) which will ensure the implementation processes of the following surveys in 2 statistical fields at SC RA, (i) Survey on Industrial Producer Price Index (Domestic and Foreign Market); (ii) Sample Survey on Gender Based Violence.

The objective of the assignment is to:

* To conduct a sample **Survey on** **Gender Based Violence**;
* To conduct a **Survey on Industrial Producer Price Index** (Domestic and Foreign Market);
* To conduct data processing and analysis of received data;
* To present Final Report of the main findings of the survey.

Both surveys shall be conducted within 12 months period.

The selected consultant shall carry out the activities listed below:

## Sample Survey on Gender Based Violence

In order to ensure international comparability of data, the Consultant shall conduct a Sample Survey on Gender Based Violence, according to the methodology developed by the UN Statistics Division and adapted to the national peculiarities within the framework of the ongoing project ***Twinning Partnership with the Statistical Committee of the Republic of Armenia for the Project Implementation***.

The survey questionnaire and the survey manual will be provided by the SCRA.

The target respondents will be **women and men of age 15-59**, living in private households. Sample size will be **approximately 4800 households**, which is supposed to result in **3,000** actual responses.

## Survey on Industrial Producer Price Index (Domestic and Foreign Market)

In order to collect price information on **2 separate sub-indices of the industrial producer price index, namely indices of domestic and foreign markets, as well as a total PPI for RA aggregated from them**, as well as to accurately form the structure (weights) of indices according survey methodology, the Consultant shall conduct a survey of (i) producing-exporting companies acting as primary data sources, as well as (ii) the companies selling only in the domestic market.

The Consultant shall conduct the survey according to the international best practice and methodologies provided by the SCRA, compile and make pilot calculations of the two directions of the selling price indices of industrial products producer, namely foreign and domestic markets; as well as to improve the current sample for the industrial producer price, the quality of the collected price information and some other issues.

The survey questionnaire and the survey manual will be provided by the SCRA.

The Consultant will provide responses from 296 exporting companies and 445 companies targeting only local markets. Thus, the total sampling size will reach 741 companies.

## Collecting survey data and their analysis, synthesis and interpreting

The Consultant shall ensure the Surveys data collection through face-to-face interviews, conducted in accordance with the research methodologies provided by the SCRA. The training of data collectors shall be conducted as well in advance in order to secure accurate data collection in the field. The Consultant shall ensure thorough checking of the quality of data collected, and further their analysis, synthesis and interpreting.

## Data processing

The Consultant shall process data received from the field works and produce output tables for further analysis.

## Analysis of processed data and preparation of Draft Reports

Based on the analyzed quantitative data, the Consultant shall develop two draft Reports in Armenian language, one for each survey. The survey reports shall employ simple descriptive statistics with means, proportions and frequency distributions. 95% Confidence Interval (CI) shall be used as a measure of precision on the estimated population parameters.

SCRA PIT shall provide constructive comments & suggestions on the draft documents’ consistency, coherence, scientific soundness etc. (directly included in Track Changes format). Based on provided inputs, the Consultant shall update as needed the draft Reports in Armenian version.

Consultant will provide access to the microdata and programs used for processing and assessment. All syntax files in STATA/SPSS/R, intermediate data files and any other underlying calculations used for this assignment will be shared with the SCRA.

## Presentation of the Survey Reports to SCRA

The Consultant shall develop a Power Point Presentation and two-page Infographics for each survey to present the main findings of the surveys.

## Translation into English language

The final Armenian version of and two-page Infographics on the Surveys’ results will be translated by the Consultant into English language.

Statistical Committee of the Republic of Armenia 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.

**Qualification requirements**

The Consultant shall meet the following qualification criteria:

* The company should have experience in implementing similar type of assignments in developing counties. Experience in CIS countries would be an advantage;
* Experience of implementing World Bank projects would be an advantage;
* The company shall expose proven professional experience of the staff that will be employed within the survey, demonstrating also proven expertise in GBV and Industrial PPI (CVs, etc.);
* The company shall have minimum of 7 years experience in areas of conduction of nation-wide surveys, researches and analysis;
* The company shall expose proven experience of similar projects implemented in collaboration with SCRA, as well as knowledge of SCRA requirements and practices.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans & IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers” (January 2011, revised July, 2014) (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on the Consultants’ Qualifications (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

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.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 09:00 to 18:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by April22, 2020, 18:00 (local time).

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