**INVITATION TO SUBMIT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**(Consulting Services – Selection of Companies)**

**Republic of Armenia**

**Social Protection Administration II Project**

Credit No: 5398-AM

**Assignment title:** Development and Introduction of an Information System to Assist the Development of the RoA Employment Sector

Reference N according to Procurement Plan: SPAP II-C-2-2-7

The Republic of Armenia has received funds from the World Bank for the financing of the Social Protection Administration II Credit Project (SPAP II) (Credit No. 5398-AM) and intends to use part of these funds for consulting services.

**The objective of the Consulting Services is** to contribute to the effective implementation of the activities aimed at assisting the realization of the Government's employment strategy under the Project through selection of a specialized local Company (hereinafter referred to as Consultant) in the field of IT to develop and introduce a software package for the new information system.

RoA Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (MLSA) and the Projects Implementation Department (PID) of the RoA Ministry of Finance (MoF) invite Consulting Companies (Consultants) to express their interest in participation of the announced tender. Interested Consultants should provide information supporting their eligibility in meeting the relevant qualifications and experience requirements.

The development and introduction of the Information system (IS) should be implemented within 10 months.

More specifically the Expression of Interest should include the following information:

* *A detailed description of the years of main business activity, including delivered services, completed projects, addresses, contact details, number of key**staff, etc.*

**Eligible Candidate company should have the following qualifications and experience:**

* At least **5** years of software development experience,
* At least **5** years of work experience in the development of on-line electronic management systems,
* At least **two** successful project of electronic management system development in Armenia,
* Work experience in State Administration bodies will be an advantage.

Interested Candidates are requested to pay attention to the World Bank’s "Guidelines for the Selection and Hiring of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers under IBRD Lending and IDA Loans and Grants" dated January, 2011, edited July, 2014 ("Consultant’s Guide"), paragraph 1.9, where the World Bank policy on conflict of interest is determined.

Candidates may unite with other companies in the form of joint ventures or as sub-consultants to improve their qualifications.

The selection of the Consulting company will be implemented under the “Guidelines for the Selection and Hiring of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers under IBRD Lending and IDA Loans and Grants" dated January, 2011, edited July, 2014 ("Consultant’s Guide"), in compliance with procedures of the Consultants Qualification Selection (CQS) procurement method.

The interested Candidate companies meeting the above-specified requirements can receive additional information at the below address from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on work days.

Expressions of Interests should be submitted in the written form to the below address or via regular mail or e-mail by **6 p.m. local time on Decemver 17, 2019** .

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