REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

**“IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY PROGRAM FOR STRENGTHENING OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM” SMALL VALUE RETF GRANT PROJECT**

**Grant No.: TF OA4543**

**Assignment Title: TWINNING PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL STATISTICAL SERVICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA FOR THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

**Reference No: NSPS-CS-TP**

The Republic of Armenia has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, acting as administrator of grant funds provided by various donors under the Trust Fund to Support Statistical Capacity Building in Eastern Europe and CIS Countries, toward the cost of the Implementation of the National Strategy Program for Strengthening of the National Statistics System (NSPS) Grant Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include Twinning Partnership with National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia (NSSRA) for the Project Implementation.

The main objective of the assignment is to assist the NSSRA in the implementation of the project through the provision of advisory services, trainings, surveys, monitoring and evaluation of the achievements of the NSPS for further capacity-building of the statistical system of Armenia in the preparation and dissemination of relevant, reliable and timely statistical data based on cost-effectively manner which comply with international standards and meet the needs of users.

The Foreign Financing Projects Management Center of the Ministry of Finance 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 (*Detailed information on general experience and years in operations,* *description and work experience in the implementation of the similar assignments during the last years, including the services provided, projects completed, address, contacts, number of the key staff of the Company, etc.).*

The shortlisting criteria are:

* Proven experience of leading and/or participation in successful implementation of Twinning projects in the field of statistics, minimum 5 years;
* Experience of successful implementation of projects related to strategic and institutional development, and modernization of the statistical systems;
* Experience on strengthening statistical capacity of the NSO and individual statistical areas towards the implementation of EU and international standards;
* Experience on implementation of a statistical system mostly based on administrative registers.

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 and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers* dated January 2011 and revised as of July, 2014 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines dated January 2011 and revised as of July, 2014.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 09:00 to 18:00 hours of local time (GMT+4).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) **by March 12, 2018, 18:00 (local time)***.*

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