REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY PROGRAM FOR STRENGTHENING OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM PROJECT

GRANT No.: TF0A4543

Assignment Title: Introduction of the Electronic Web Platform of Data Collection, Storage and of the Processing ARMSTAT

REFERENCE No. (as per Procurement Plan): NSPS-CS**-1-2-2**

The Republic of Armenia has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 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 (hereinafter, the ARMSTAT) is the leading agency responsible for official statistical data in Armenia. The agency plays an important role in timely data collection, processing and dissemination, and in order to automate this process, it is necessary to build an online data submission, complete storage and processing system of the ARMSTAT (hereinafter, the System).

Through the System it shall be possible to:

* Standardize the structure of the statistical data;
* Build the forms of all statistical documents (statistical reports, survey questionnaires, etc.) (hereinafter, Reports) in a single electronic web platform;
* Collect data on the Respondents and Respondents' activity;
* Process and store the collected data;
* Automate the business processes of the ARMSTAT.

As a result, the introduction of the System shall provide with the possibility to digitize the whole cycle of collecting, processing, storing, analyzing, visualizing, disseminating the data on Respondents and Respondents’ activities. The digitization of these processes shall make the work of the ARMSTAT more efficient and transparent, shall combine all the business processes of the organization in one information space, will increase the accuracy of the collected data and shall make the relations of the Respondents with the ARMSTAT more efficient and convenient.

Currently collected data, both in paper and MS Excel format, do not have a single data structure, which makes the comparability, combination of various data difficult, and in some cases impossible. The introduction of the System shall make the introduction of a standard of statistical data structure possible, based on which data collection from all the respondents shall be carried out.

It is necessary to build a System based on future-proof technologies and architecture and developed on the principles of modular architecture which shall be in compliance with the requirements of the modern cyber security.

The System shall be accessible to the users through the web browsers of all kinds of devices.

Data collection shall be carried out by approximately 50,000 Respondents from all over RA. The Respondents will submit reports on monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, annual basis, as well as with other frequencies, approximately 1.5 million per year. It is assumed that the number of reports to be collected will reach up to 2 million in the medium-term (3-7 years) perspective. The experience shows that the majority of the Respondents submit the reports during the last few days before the deadline. The designed System shall be able to simultaneously serve the uninterrupted work and flow of a large number of Respondents.

The Implementation Period of the Consulting Services is about from 10 to 12 months.

The 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. The shortlisting criteria are:

it is required that the Consulting Firm shall have:

* At least 5 years of experience in online e-government systems development
* At least 2 successfully implemented software development projects during 2015-2020, at least one of which shall include the development of a financial and/or statistical information system. The Consultant shall provide a list of contracts that support the above requirements, specifying the Client, the cost of the contract and a short description of the developed information system,
* ISO certificates: ISO 9001 Quality Management System and ISO 27001 Information Security Management System.

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 Quality - and Cost – Based Selection (QCBS) 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 April 13, 2021, 18:00 (local time).

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