**Country: REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

**Project Name: IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT IN ARARAT AND ARMAVIR MARZES PROJECT**

**(financed by the French Development Agency - European Union)**

CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Republic of Armenia has receiveda financing (delegated funds under the Neighbourhoud Investment Facility East from the European Commission) from *Agence Française de Développement* (“AFD”) toward the cost of the “Irrigated Agriculture Development in Ararat and Armavir Marzes Project” (IADAAMP), and intends to use part of the funds there of for payments under the following consulting services: “Implementation of the Water Component of the Irrigated Agriculture Development in Ararat and Armavir Marzes Project”, Ref#AFD/IADAAM/QCBS/SW-24/001.

The overall objectives of the Consultants’ Services (“Services”):

In April 2020, the Government of the Republic of Armenia (GoA) and the French Development Agency (AFD) concluded the Financing Agreement CAM 1002 06 D (hereinafter “Agreement”) for providing 10,000,000 EUR grant (delegated funds from the European Union) for the implementation of the Irrigated Agriculture Development in Ararat and Armavir Marzes Project (IADAAM - hereinafter “Project”).

The Project aims at providing institutional support at **central level** to the Government of Armenia in policy matters linked with development of modernized irrigated agriculture and strong support at **local level** to farmers and concerned stakeholders at crafting, promoting and financing pilot operations in Ararat and Armavir Marzes.

The Project has **3 (three) major components** (described below) with the following objectives;

1. to support the GoA in the current reforms of the irrigation sector through capacity building activities at central and local levels, development of social water management and reduction of subsidies to the “Jrar” CJSC (Water Supply Agency) and water users associations (WUAs);
2. to put in place innovative sustainable mechanisms to address constraints of irrigated agriculture economic development such as water availability/efficiency, land issues, cropping patterns, lack of efficient agricultural services, targeting as a priority small land holder's involvement in irrigated agriculture;
3. to support the expansion of quality agricultural extension services to support farmers in the modernization of their agricultural practices and the development of high-added value crops;
4. to develop financing tools to help farmers, farmers’ groups and cooperatives to invest in agricultural equipment and irrigation technologies;
5. to support the sustainable development of farmers’ groups in Armavir and Ararat Marzes, so that farmers can benefit from leverage effects.

The Technical Assistance Component is intended, through two different contracts, to:

1. The Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructures (MTAI) and water sector institutions –Water Committee, ATDF and WUAs - (i.e. ***Component 1.2* and part of** ***Component 3***) in improving water management policy, tools and capacities, especially in irrigation systems and to;
2. The Ministry of Economy (MoE) for the implementation of all other components of the Project related to policy development, local activities with farmers, farmer groups and actors (WUAs, Communities, Financial institutions, Cooperatives) in developing irrigated agriculture and marketing solutions in selected pilot areas, using appropriate financial tools and mechanisms proposed in the Project (i.e. Investment Grant, Component 2).

**This request for proposal concerns exclusively the TA intended for the support to MTAI**. A different contract will be processed for the MoEc proposed TA.

Obviously, close collaboration between the 2 sector institutions (Water/Agriculture, Ministries, Operating teams) and therefore, between all stakeholders at central and local level is a sine qua non condition for a successful development of the irrigated agriculture and water sector in Armenia.

The Project comprises three main components broken down in multiple sub-components.

**Component 1: Institutional support to national and local stakeholders involved in the irrigated agriculture sector:**

**Sub-Component 1.1**. Institutional support to the MoE.

**Sub-Component 1.2**. Support to the Water Committee (WC) of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the RA (MTAI) (or to its successor).

1.2.1. Public policies and reforms on water management and irrigation efficiency;

1.2.2. Technical, institutional and social engineering of water resources and irrigation networks;

1.2.3. Knowledge, information and monitoring system;

**Sub-Component 1.3**. Support to the creation and operation of Advisory/Extension Services Teams (AESTs)

**Sub-Component 1.4**. Support to the development of cooperatives.

**Component 2: Improvement of irrigated agriculture outputs:**

**Sub-Component** **2.1**. Financing for the creation and operation of AESTs;

**Sub-Component 2.2**. Creation of a Fund for Cooperative Support;

**Sub-Component 2.3**. Financial mechanisms for modern irrigated pilot operations (including drip irrigation):

2.3.1. Matching grants for installation and equipment on modern irrigated pilot operations;

2.3.2. Collateral Fund for on-farm investments; and

**Sub-Component 2.4**. Fund for land consolidation.

**Component 3: Communication and project management costs.**

# BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE water component

The **sub-component 1.2** of the Component 1 of the Project with its three sub-items will be implemented by the Armenian Territorial Development Fund (ATDF). Since it addresses the water sector, it will be referred in the Project as **Water Component**.

The assignment defined under these Terms of Reference (ToR) refers to the implementation of the Water Component of the Project, therefore a brief description of the Water Component is presented further.

It is envisaged that Water Component will provide support to WC of MTAI, ATDF, “Jrar” CJSC, and WUAs in the directions described below.

**Public policies and reforms on water management and irrigation efficiency (Component 1.2.1)**

Under this component, support will be provided to the WC and ATDF in the implementation of their programs/action plans. In this context, the WC will be supported through expertise, trainings and exchange of know-how for developing strategy programs (namely for the irrigation sector), improving the performance of water institutions, promoting the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), and creating of a platform for sectorial policy dialogue with international lenders involved in the irrigation sector (AFD, World Bank, EFSD, KfW, …) and public institutions involved in the sector (such as Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Environment, water resource knowledge and management institutions, local stakeholders such as communes and WUAs) in order to bring enhanced coordination and consistency among national stakeholders. ATDF will be supported in technical engineering matters in relation to the implementation of on going irrigation projects.

**Technical, institutional and social engineering of water resources and irrigation networks (Component 1.2.2)**

Under this component, technical assistance (for instance through expertise, trainings and exchange of know-how) will be provided to the WC, ATDF, Jrar CJSC and WUAs on key issues, such as operating, modeling and monitoring of water reservoirs according to IWRM approach and EU environmental, social and safety standards, project management, data collection, mapping and information analysis (geographic information system GIS, streamlining of operation and maintenance activities, financial management and billing system, integration of modern irrigation techniques, etc).

**Knowledge, information and monitoring system (Component 1.2.3)**

This component provides for the implementation of studies, researches and expertise to provide solutions to improve the existing tools and modeling methods of water balance to appraise the impacts of water reservoirs on the general resource balance (including ground water) and to build up monitoring tools and mechanisms for water resources (availability, use, forecasts, impact) using the Vedi Reservoirs as an integrated pilot area. It will also encourage better cooperation with the Ministry of Environment (MEn) in data integration and coordination on IWRM policies.

**Brief Description of Irrigation Sector**

As the measures provided under Water Component refer to the irrigation sector, below a brief description of this sector is provided.

The institutional management system of the irrigation sector was established in 2002 by the creation of the Water Committee under the GoA, which underwent many structural reorganizations and currently operates as a state agency under MTAI.

The main institutional actors of the irrigation sector in Armenia are:

(1) the Water Committee, which is the state authority responsible for the irrigation infrastructure and develops water sector policy. It ensures the management and safe use of state-owned irrigation systems within the framework of its competences; ensures the implementation of the National Water Program, develops and implements investment plans in water sector. It is also the Executive Body of the Regulatory Board responsible for regulating the activities of WUAs.

(2) Regulatory Board responsible for regulating the activities of WUAs, which operates within WC; the ATDF, which implements investment programs in the water sector;

(3) “Jrar” CJSC, which is the bulk irrigation water supplier to WUAs and other water users and operates the primary state irrigation infrastructure; WUAs, which operate the irrigation systems assigned to them by authorities with the right of use and supply irrigation water to water users/farmers within their service area.

(4) WUAs that operate the irrigation systems transferred to them for free of charge use by competenet agencies. They supply water to water users/ farmers within their service areas..

(5) the ATDF, which implements investment programs in the water sector;

The ATDF was established yet in 2000 as the Social Investment Fund of Armenia. Later it was renamed into the Armenian Territorial Development Fund under the Resolution N 1521 of the Government of the Republic of Armenia dated December 25, 2014.

ATDF has started the implementation of the water project since 2020. Earlier, the water projects in Armenia were implemented by the Water Projects Implementation Unit (WS PIU) which was established in 1995 and operated under different ministeriall agencies and organisational sructures.

At the end of 2019, that PIU ceased its activities in accordance with the Resolution No. 170 of the Government of Armenia of February 28, 2019, and the further implementation of the ongoing projects implemented by PIU was assigned to the ATDF. In order to implement these projects, ATDF made changes in its structure and established the Water Sector Projects Implementation Branch[[1]](#footnote-1), which is still successfully implementing the loan and grant programs of the water sector.

The irrigation water supply, or irrigation water management chain starts with “Jrar” CJSC, which is a legal entity that collects, stores and supplies irrigation water to water users. It should be noted that until 2006, there was one water company - “Irrigation” CJSC operating in Armenia. In 2006, it was reorganized by the Resolution No. 164 of the GoA dated February 9, 2006 into 4 water companies. Later on, they were again reorganized in several phases into smaller number of water supply companies, and ultimately they merged into one currently operated water supply company “Jrar” CJSC. Since establishment, the governance of this company was entrusted to the WC. The WC is also responsible for the management and protection of water resources in accordance with the Water Code of the RA. Since 2020, the governance authourities over “Jrar” CJSC were transferred to the MTAI. Currently, the functional efficiency of this body needs to be studied, evaluated and improved accordingly.

The next chain of irrigation water supply, or irrigation water management are the 15 WUAs operating in Armenia. They are non-profit organizations with the status of a legal entity. The objective of WUAs is to operate and maintain the irrigation system and to deliver irrigation water to the water users within their service areas in the interest of water users. They were established by land owners or legal land users within the service area of WUAs. They participate in the WUA governance through the representatives that they select.

Initially, there were 54 WUAs established on a territorial basis (18 WUAs established in 2003, and 36 WUAs - in 2004). Since 2014, they have been merged into 15 WUAs. Currently, the functional efficiency of this entity needs to be studied, evaluated and improved accordingly.

Since the establishment of WUAs, their regulation and coordination have been carried out by the Regulatory Board through its Executive Body, which until 2015 was the State Institution of “Water Sector Projects Implementation” (WSPIU). In 2015, these functions have been trasnferred to WC.

Acting as the Executing Body of the Regulatory Board, the WSPIU had in its structure a multidisciplinary WUAs Support Team, which worked with WUAs on a daily basis and have supported, regulated, and coordinating their work. The transfer of WUA regulatory functions to the WC without the review of WC’s corresponding capacity needs resulted in a weaker support, coordination and regulation of WUAs. Therefore, the WC has to be complemented in terms of resources and capacities. Currently, the functional efficiency of the Executive Board has to be studied, evaluated and improved.

The core of the legal regulation in irrigation sector are the provisions of the Water Code of the RA and the Law of the RA “On Water User Associations and Federations of Water User Associations”. These were followed by the Law of the RA “On Fundamentals of the National Water Policy of the Republic of Armenia” and the Law of the RA “On the National Water Program” adopted in 2005-2006. The existing institutional and financial framework of the irrigation system, its state management, regulation, and coordination are determined by the above laws.

Various strategic documents on irrigation sector that were approved in different years currently have expired and are not valid.

Recently the Water Committee prepared the “Sustainable Irrigation Sector Development Concept”, which is currently being circulated. This document outlines the conceptual directions of the sector defined by the Water Committee.

The Concept defines the following objectives:

1. increasing the efficiency of irrigation sector’s entities;
2. improvement of irrigation systems’ management, operation, and maintenance;
3. improvement of irrigation water planning and accounting mechanisms;
4. implementation of inventory count, technical audit and state registration of irrigation systems, and assessment of new investment needs;
5. implementation of construction, reconstruction, improvement and modernization projects in irrigation sector;
6. furnishing the entities of the irrigation system with software, application of information technologies, implementation of public awareness measures;
7. improving the financial sustainability of irrigation system, tariff policy;
8. implementation of legal reforms.

The wholesale tariff for irrigation water in Armenia is approved by the Public Services Regulatory Commission of the RA (hereinafter referred to as the Commission). According to the Commission's decision No. 61-A of March 1, 2007, the tariff for irrigation water sold by “Jrar” CJSC is AMD 1.01/m3 (including VAT) for irrigation water supplied by gravity, and AMD 11.52/m3 (including VAT) for irrigation water supplied by pumping.

The tariff of irrigation water supplied by WUAs to the water users of their service area is approved by the highest governance body of the WUA - the Meeting of Representatives.

However, actually the cost of irrigation water varies in different WUAs depending on a number of factors, and on average it ranges from 20 to 24 AMD/m3. This difference is covered by the subsidies provided annually to WUAs from the RA state budget. Due to the subsidies, the irrigation water tariff for all WUAs has been maintained at AMD 11.0/m3 since 2010 (before 2010, the irrigation water tariff was: in 2004 - AMD 7.0, in 2005-2007 - 8.0 AMD, in 2008-2009: 9.0 AMD per cub. m).

It is expected that consultancy services will start in **June of 2024.** The duration of the assignment is **22 (twenty-two) months (current Deadline for Implementation of the Project: June 19th, 2026)**, with possible extension,after commencement of the services**.** Estimated total cost of the Services: **around EUR 1,4 mln** (excluding the taxes, duties, fees, levies and other charges imposed in the Client’s country under the Applicable law and that are not recoverable/deductible).

The **Armenian Territorial Development Fund (the “Client”)** hereby invites eligible Applicants (the “Consultants”) to show their interest in delivering the Services described above. This Request for Expressions of Interest is open to **Consulting firms and Joint Venture between NGO(s) and Consulting firm(s).**

Eligibility criteria to AFD financing are specified in sub-clause 1.3 of the "Procurement Guidelines for AFD‑Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries", available online on AFD’s website: <http://www.afd.fr>

([Procurement guidelines for AFD-financed contracts in foreign countries | AFD - Agence Française de Développement](https://www.afd.fr/en/ressources/procurement-guidelines-afd-financed-contracts-foreign-countries))

**An Applicant shall apply for this assignment only as a Joint Venture or in the form of sub-consultancy (comprising at least one national sub-consultant), otherwise the Client will reject such Application. Maximum number of members in the JV shall be: 3 (three). In case of contract award, each member of JV will be jointly and severally liable to the Client for all the Consultant’s obligations under this Contract.**

If an Applicant (including any JV member) submits or participates in more than one application, those applications shall be all rejected. However, the same Subconsultant may participate in several applications.

**If the Applicant is a JV, the expression of interest shall include:**

* a copy of the JV Agreement entered into by all members, or
* a letter of intent to execute a JV Agreement, signed by all members together with a copy of the Agreement proposal.

In the absence of this document, the other members will be considered as **Subconsultants. Experiences and qualifications of Subconsultants are not taken into account in the evaluation of the applications**.

Interested Applicants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services (brochures, descriptions of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of technical resources to do the work, general qualifications and number of the key staff (at the EOI stage the CVs are not required), etc.).

**The following items will be taken into account for the evaluation of the applications:**

**- Overall experience of the firm (number of years) in the field of assignement**

**- Number of assignement related contracts completed during the last five (5) years**

**- General qualification and number of the key staff (*at this stage the CVs are not required*)**

**- Firm’s regional experience** **(Armenia and/or CIS countries)**

The Applicant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality-and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the AFD’s Guidelines: [Procurement guidelines for AFD-financed contracts in foreign countries | AFD - Agence Française de Développement](https://www.afd.fr/en/ressources/procurement-guidelines-afd-financed-contracts-foreign-countries)

Among the submitted applications, the **Client** will shortlist **a maximum of six (6) Applicants**, to whom the Request for Proposals to carry out the Services shall be sent.

Interested Applicants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours:  
from **10.00 to 17.00 (Yerevan time), Monday to Friday**, excluding public holidays (contact person: **Mr.Grigor Yeritsan - Vedi Project Coordinator; email:** [**gyeritsyan@wsdp.am**](mailto:gyeritsyan@wsdp.am))

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form **in English** **(one (1) validated hard copy+** **one (1) digital copy (CD or flashdisk))** in person (or by courier services) **or by e-mail in the Adobe PDF format** to the address below not later than **February 2, 2024** and should be clearly marked: **“Expressions of Interest for «Implementation of the Water Component of the Irrigated Agriculture Development in Ararat and Armavir Marzes Project», Ref#AFD/IADAAM/QCBS/SW-24/001.**

**The address referred to above is:**

**Client: Armenian Territorial Development Fund (ATDF)**

**Attn.: Mr. Gurgen Matsoyan- Head of Procurement Division**

**Tel: (+374 60) 501-560 (ext.505)**

**Street address: 31, K.Ulnetsi street**

**Floor/Room number: 4th floor; room#409**

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**ZIP Code: 0037**

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**Website:** [**www.atdf.am**](http://www.atdf.am)

**The Expression of Interest should comprise the following:**

* Application Letter («**Letter of Interest**») addressed to the ATDF Executive Director[[2]](#footnote-2);
* «**Appendix to The Request for Expressions of Interest**» (**Statement of Integrity, Eligibility and Environmental and Social Responsibility**)2;
* Authorization Letter for the person signing the Expression of Interest;
* Information about overall experience of the firm (number of years) in the field of assignment;
* Information about the assignment related contracts performed during the past **five (5) years** (to be provided in a form «**Specific Experience**»)2;
* Information about general qualifications and number of the Key Staff (at the EOI stage CVs are not required) and the firm’s regional experience;
* A copy of the JV Agreement entered into by all members, or a letter of intent to execute a JV Agreement, signed by all members together with a copy of the Agreement proposal (in the absence of this document, the other members will be considered as Subconsultants).

**Appendix to The Request for Expressions of Interest**(to be sumitted with the application, signed and unaltered)

Statement of Integrity, Eligibility and Environmental and Social Responsibility

Reference of the application/bid or proposal **«Implementation of the Water Component of the Irrigated Agriculture Development in Ararat and Armavir Marzes Project», Ref#AFD/IADAAM/QCBS/SW-24/001** (the "**Contract**")

To: **Mr.BAGHINYAN, ATDF Executive Director** (the "**Contracting Authority**")

1. We recognise and accept that ***Agence Française de Développement*** ("**AFD**") only finances projects of the Contracting Authority subject to its own conditions which are set out in the Financing Agreement which benefits directly or indirectly to the Contracting Authority. As a matter of consequence, no legal relationship exists between AFD and our company, our joint venture or our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants. The Contracting Authority retains exclusive responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the procurement process and performance of the contract. The Contracting Authority means the Purchaser, the Employer, the Client, as the case may be, for the procurement of goods, works, plants, consulting services or non-consulting services.
2. We hereby certify that neither we nor any other member of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants are in any of the following situations:

2.1 Being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by the courts, having entered into receivership, reorganisation or being in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure;

2.2 Having been:

1. convicted, within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of *res judicata i*n the country where the Contract is implemented, of fraud, corruption or of any other offense committed during a procurement process or performance of a contract (in the event of such conviction, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this conviction is not relevant in the context of this Contract);
2. subject to an administrative sanction within the past five years by the European Union or by the competent authorities of the country where we are constituted, for fraud, corruption or for any other offense committed during a procurement process or performance of a contract (in the event of such sanction, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this sanction is not relevant in the context of this Contract);
3. convicted, within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of res judicata, of fraud, corruption or of any other offense committed during the procurement process or performance of an AFD-financed contract;

2.3 Being listed for financial sanctions by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France for the purposes of fight-against-terrorist financing or threat to international peace and security;

2.4 Having been subject within the past five years to a contract termination fully settled against us for significant or persistent failure to comply with our contractual obligations during contract performance, unless this termination was challenged and dispute resolution is still pending or has not confirmed a full settlement against us;

2.5 Not having fulfilled our fiscal obligations regarding payments of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of either the country where we are constituted or the Contracting Authority's country;

2.6 Being subject to an exclusion decision of the World Bank and being listed on the website [**http://www.worldbank.org/debarr**](http://www.worldbank.org/debarr) (in the event of such exclusion, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this exclusion is not relevant in the context of this Contract);

2.7 Having created false documents or committed misrepresentation in documentation requested by the Contracting Authority as part of the procurement process of this Contract.

1. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants are in any of the following situations of conflict of interest:

3.1 Being an affiliate controlled by the Contracting Authority or a shareholder controlling the Contracting Authority, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;

3.2 Having a business or family relationship with a Contracting Authority's staff involved in the procurement process or the supervision of the resulting Contract, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;

3.3 Being controlled by or controlling another bidder or consultant, or being under common control with another bidder or consultant, or receiving from or granting subsidies directly or indirectly to another bidder or consultant, having the same legal representative as another bidder or consultant, maintaining direct or indirect contacts with another bidder or consultant which allows us to have or give access to information contained in the respective applications, bids or proposals, influencing them or influencing decisions of the Contracting Authority;

3.4 Being engaged in a consulting services activity, which, by its nature, may be in conflict with the assignments that we would carry out for the Contracting Authority;

3.5 In the case of procurement of goods, works or plants:

1. Having prepared or having been associated with a consultant who prepared specifications, drawings, calculations and other documentation to be used in the procurement process of this Contract;
2. Having been recruited (or being proposed to be recruited) ourselves or any of our affiliates, to carry out works supervision or inspection for this Contract.
3. If we are a state-owned entity, and to compete in a procurement process, we certify that we have legal and financial autonomy and that we operate under commercial laws and regulations.
4. We undertake to bring to the attention of the Contracting Authority, which will inform AFD, any change in situation with regard to points 2 to 4 here above.
5. In the context of the procurement process and performance of the corresponding contract:

6.1 We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) deliberately indented to deceive others, to intentionally conceal items, to violate or vitiate someone's consent, to make them circumvent legal or regulatory requirements and/or to violate their internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit;

6.2 We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) contrary to our legal or regulatory obligations or our internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit;

6.3 We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to (i) any Person who holds a legislative, executive, administrative or judicial mandate within the State of the Contracting Authority regardless of whether that Person was nominated or elected, regardless of the permanent or temporary, paid or unpaid nature of the position and regardless of the hierarchical level the Person occupies, (ii) any other Person who performs a public function, including for a State institution or a State‑owned company, or who provides a public service, or (iii) any other person defined as a Public Officer by the national laws of the Contracting Authority’s country, an undue advantage of any kind, for himself or for another Person or entity, for such Public Officer to act or refrain from acting in his official capacity;

6.4 We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to any Person who occupies an executive position in a private sector entity or works for such an entity, regardless of the nature of his/her capacity, any undue advantage of any kind, for himself or another Person or entity for such Person to perform or refrain from performing any act in breach of its legal, contractual or professional obligations;

6.5 We have not and we will not engage in any practice likely to influence the contract award process to the detriment of the Contracting Authority and, in particular, in any anti‑competitive practice having for object or for effect to prevent, restrict or distort competition, namely by limiting access to the market or the free exercise of competition by other undertakings;

6.6 Neither we nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants shall acquire or supply any equipment nor operate in any sectors under an embargo of the United Nations, the European Union or France;

6.7 We commit ourselves to comply with and ensure that all of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants comply with international environmental and labour standards, consistent with laws and regulations applicable in the country of implementation of the Contract, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and international environmental treaties. Moreover, we shall implement environmental and social risks mitigation measures when specified in the environmental and social commitment plan (ESCP) provided by the Contracting Authority.

1. We, as well as members of our joint venture and our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants authorise AFD to inspect accounts, records and other documents relating to the procurement process and performance of the contract and to have them audited by auditors appointed by AFD.

Name: In the capacity of:

Duly empowered to sign in the name and on behalf of[[3]](#footnote-3):

Signature:

Dated:

Letter of Interest

*Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***[insert the EOI submission date]***

To: **Armenian Territorial Development Fund (ATDF)**

Executive Director : **Mr. Sargis BAGHINYAN**

Address : **31 K.Ulnetsi street, 4th floor (409 room), Yerevan, 0037, Armenia**

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) published on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***[insert date of publication]*** for the assignment relevant to **«Implementation of the Water Component of the Irrigated Agriculture Development in Ararat and Armavir Marzes Project», Ref#AFD/IADAAM/QCBS/SW-24/001.**

I, as an authorized representative of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [***insert name of your organization\company and any other firm joining as joint venture]*** would like to express the interest of my organization \ company ***[or joint venture]*** to undertake the above mentioned assignment as mentioned in the REOI and the attached Terms of Reference.

I am enclosing the information and documents requested, in the format requested, for your information and records.

I declare that the information provided is complete and correct in details and understand that the contracting authority has the right to request, for the purpose of verifying and confirming the statements, any available supporting documents.

We understand you are not bound to accept any application you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature **[*in full and initials*]:**

Name and Title of Signatory:

**Note: *to be signed by the authorized representative of the organization \ company or the lead organization \ company (in case of Joint venture)***

**Note: *all italicized text is for use in preparing this form and shall be deleted from the final product.***

Specific Experience

***[The following table shall be filled in for contracts performed by the Applicant and each member of a Joint Venture. A separate table shall be filled for each contract]***

Applicant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***[insert full name]***Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***[insert day, month, year]***Joint Venture Member Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***[insert* *full name]***REOI No. and title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***[insert REOI number and title]***Page\_\_\_ ***[insert page number]***of \_\_\_ ***[insert total number]***pages

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| Completion date | ***[insert day, month, year, e.g., October 20, 2021]*** | | | | |
| Original contractual completion period |  | | | | |
| If there was any delay in completion, provide the period of delay due to consultants default Cause of delay | Force Majeure | | Contractually justified extension of time | Consultants default | Others |
| Period corresponding to cause of delay (months) |  | |  |  |  |
| Role in Contract  ***[check the appropriate box]*** | Prime Consultant 🞎 | | Member in  JV  🞎 | Management Consultant  🞎 | Sub-consultant 🞎 |
| Total Contract Amount | ***[insert total contract amount in EURO or US$ or local currency (AMD)]*** | | | ***[insert exchange rate and total contract amount in EURO/US$***  ***equivalent, if contract signed in local currency (AMD)]*** | |
| If member in a JV or sub-consultant, specify share in value in total Contract amount and roles and responsibilities | ***[insert a percentage amount]*** | ***[insert total contract amount in EURO or US$ or local currency (AMD)]*** | | ***[insert exchange rate and total contract amount in EURO/US$***  ***equivalent, if contract signed in local currency (AMD)]*** | |
| ***[insert roles and responsibilities]*** | | | | |
| Description of the similarity in accordance with Technical Qualifications |  | | | | |
| Complexity | ***[insert description of complexity]*** | | | | |
| Methods/Technology | ***[insert specific aspects of the methods/technology involved in the contract]*** | | | | |
| Other Characteristics | ***[insert other characteristics as described in Section VII, Scope of Purchaser’s Requirements]*** | | | | |
| Client’s Name: | ***[insert full name]*** | | | | |
| Address :  Telephone number :  E-mail: | ***[indicate street / number / town or city / country]***  ***[insert telephone numbers, including country and***  ***city area codes]***  ***[insert e-mail address, if available]*** | | | | |

1. According to the decision of the Board of Trustees of the Armenian Territorial Development Fund on August 25-2023, the activities of the "Water Sector Projects Implementation Branch" were terminated and the implementation of water projects was assigned to the Armenian Territorial Development Fund. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **These documents are attached to this REOI (see next pages below)** [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. In case of joint venture, insert the name of the joint venture. The person who will sign the application, bid or proposal on behalf of the applicant, bidder or consultant shall attach a power of attorney from the applicant, bidder or consultant. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)