REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTANTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

***Afghanistan***

***Fiscal Performance Improvement Support Project (FSP)***

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.:AFG 200283

**Assignment Title: Consultancy Firm for Resolving Discrepancy of AEITI 4th and 5th Reconciliation Report**

**Reference No**. (as per Procurement Plan): MoF-FSP-108807-CS-CQS

The *Ministry of Finance* *has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the *Fiscal Performance Support Improvement Project*, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include [Hiring of Consultancy Firm for Carrying Scope Study and Preparation of AEITI’s 4th and 5th Discrepancy Reconciliation Report.

*The duration of the project would be 2 months.*]

The *Ministry of Finance* 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:

1. Qualification of audit Firm:

It is anticipated that the work will be carried out by an eligible, competent, independent, national and internationally reputable firm of auditors with the following qualification;

* Experience in auditing EITI reports or similar reports in extractive and financial sectors;
* Working knowledge of legal, regulatory and fiscal legislation applicable to the extractive industries, especially in Afghanistan and other countries in the region is desirable;
* Having international auditing system experience is must;
* Full knowledge of Afghanistan taxation law in extractive sector;
* Shall be registered with Afghan Government;
* Minimum of Five years of working experience in the field of Audit;
* Reporting ability in Pashto, Dari and English languages is a requirement;
* Expertise in accounting, auditing and financial analysis;
* Must have knowledge in project evaluation, public and private sector audit and accounting matching to international standards;

**2**. The interested Audit Firm shall provide information indicating the proof documents that they are qualified to perform the service (Brochures, Description of similar conditions, general qualifications and number of key staff) Audit Firm may associate to enhance their qualifications.

Eligibility requirements in compliance with paragraphs 3.21, 3.22, & 3.23 of the *World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Procurement In investment Projects Financing, Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services July 2016*.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.16 and 3.17 of the *World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Procurement In investment Projects Financing, Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services July 2016*, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per paragraph 3.16 and 3.17 of World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers available at [www.worldbank.org/](http://www.worldbank.org/).

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

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the CQS method set out in the *Procurement Regulations*.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [*08:00 am till 04:00 pm*].

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 [*Sep 18, 2019*].

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