REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTANTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

***Afghanistan***

***EQRA***

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: P159378

**Assignment Title: Third Party Verification Agency (TPVA) of Disbursement Conditions (DC)**

**Reference No**. (as per Procurement Plan): AF-MOF-EQRA-122174-CS-QCBS

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

The consulting services (“the Services”) include [Third Party Verification Agency (TPVA) of Disbursement Conditions (DC).]

*The duration of the project would be 12 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. The Consultant should be registered legal entity and should have been in business for the last 5 years in providing Consultancy Services. (The consultant is required to provide the Copy Certificate of Incorporation issued by relevant authority in country of establishment).
2. The Consultant shall demonstrate having sound financial standing by submitting audited financial reports or any other credible financial documents for the last three years (2016, 2017 and 2018) where the consultant’s turnover for any of the last three years should be **USD 549,600**
3. The consultant shall provide proven experience for completed a minimum of one contract with the value of **USD** **440,000** having executed during last 5 years of similar nature indicating the duration, value and years of performance, which should showcase the expertise/ strength of the consultant for undertaking such assignments.

**Guidance Note for JV and Sub-Consultants:**

The requirements for Consultants who intends to associate with other firm(s) in the form of a Joint Venture (JV) or Consortium or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications are indicated as under:

* 1. The lead partner is required to be identified clearly and state the composition, roles and nature of their association (JV/ sub-consultant) in their EOI.
  2. In case of JV, both the lead and partners shall meet all the requirement indicated above.
  3. In case of Consultant who intends to associate with other firm(s) in the form of a sub-consultancy, the lead partner **shall provide valid reason for proposing a sub-consultant**.

**Note:** The Consultant should explain the exact role played by the Consultant in the assignment if the assignment was carried out in association with other firms as JV or by using sub-consultant.

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 QCBS method set out in the *Procurement Regulations*.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [*08:030 am till 03:30 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 [*Nov 30, 2019*].

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