

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(SELECTION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICE FOR MARKET ASSESSMENT)

(Consulting Services – International Firms)

Country: Republic of Maldives

Project: Support People's Livelihoods in the Fishery Sector in Maldives through Sustainable Energy

Consulting Service: Consultancy Service Market Linkage and Assessment Studies

Mode of Financing: Instalment Sale and Grant

Financing No: MDV1012

The Republic of Maldives has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank towards the cost of Support People's Livelihoods in the Fishery Sector in Maldives through the Sustainable Energy Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services.

The services include enhancing market linkages within the fisheries sector, with a particular emphasis on encouraging women and youth involvement, conducting research and recommending strategies to promote international market access for Maldivian fish. The implementation period of the assignment is 3 (three) months, estimated input is 9 person-months and assignment is expected to start in March 2025.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found in the following website:
(www.fisheries.gov.mv)

The Ministry of Fisheries and Ocean Resources (MoFOR) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide specific information which demonstrates that they are fully qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

Shortlisting Criteria are:

- The firm must have a minimum of 5 years of experience in providing consultancy services, including conducting surveys and assessment of projects funded by international agencies or/ and multilateral development agencies.
- The firm must have undertaken at least one related or similar project in the past five years with successful outcomes. (Provide documentary evidence of such assignments and experience)
- The firm must be registered and have a valid license from a national or international body to operate under relevant regulations. (Provide a copy of the registration certificate)
- The firm should demonstrate its technical and managerial capability based on the number of permanent staff. (Provide information on the firm's staffing and management structure)

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to 1.12.1 and 1.12.2 paragraphs of the Procurement Policy of the Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultancy Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (the “Procurement Guidelines”), setting forth IsDB’s policy on conflict of interest.

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. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method among the shortlist of international firms set out in the procurement Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information by contacting the Project Manager at rsw@fisheries.gov.mv. Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form to the following email by **1400Hrs (local time) on 29th September 2024**.

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