

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Country:	Georgia
Sector:	Municipal and environmental infrastructure – Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings located in remote mountainous regions
Project title:	Project Implementation Support to the Municipal Development Fund of Georgia
Contract type:	Consulting services
Issue date:	22 September 2021
Closing Date:	1 November 2021

Project/Assignment Description: NEFCO and its Georgian partners have developed a MEUR 6,5 investment project within the public/municipal sector in Georgia with the purpose to implement energy efficiency improvements alongside structural reinforcements and cosmetrical improvements in 15 school buildings located in remote mountainous regions of Georgia. In addition to the physical improvement of the buildings and the reduction in expenditures of energy carriers, the project is expected to result in substantial social benefits. The intended project outcomes are aligned with several sustainable development goals (SDGs).

E5P has approved the project for partial but considerable grant financing in addition to loan financing from NEFCO. The Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environment Partnership, or E5P, is a multi-donor fund to encourage municipal investments in energy efficiency and environmental projects in the Eastern Partnership region (www.E5P.eu).

The investment project will be implemented starting from 2022 and NEFCO is therefore expecting to contract a qualified Consultant to carry out a PIU support function to work together with the Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF). MDF was established in 1997, is a competent national PIU, cooperating with all large investment banks and financial institutions operating in Georgia.

The scope of work will include, but will not limited to, the below main assignments and responsibilities:

- Support in capacity building of PIU and project implementation;
- Guidance in design and preparation of technical specifications / tender documents;
- Various Procurement support in accordance with NEFCO's Procurement Policy and Procedures and practices;
- Support in ensuring compliance with Finance Documents and other agreements;
- Support in contract administration and works supervision;
- Arrangement of timely disbursement under the contracts, and
- Establishing a function for collecting of post-project energy consumption data.

The fully developed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment will be circulated among the shortlisted consultants.

Assignment Start Date and Duration: The Request for Proposal (RfP) is expected to be issued by the end of November 2021 and the Assignment is expected to start in March 2022, depending on the Loan Agreement being ratified by the Parliament of Georgia. The project has an estimated overall duration of 36 months.

Cost Estimate for the Assignment: A total maximum budget of approximate EUR 450,000 (exclusive of VAT) is expected to be allocated for the assignment.

Funding: The consultant's selection and contracting will be subject to availability of funding. Funds may be allocated from the Eastern Partnership Trust Fund for which funds are provided by SIDA and administered by NEFCO.

Eligibility: There are no eligibility restrictions.

Consultant Profile: The consultant will be a firm or consortium of firms with extensive local or regional experience in Project Implementation Unit Support within public buildings and a special focus on energy efficiency and general development outcomes.

It is envisaged that the following expertise will be needed for the purposes of this assignment:

- Prior experiences in project implementation support, procurement and works supervision within building and construction sector (energy efficiency focus), similar assignments preferably in Georgia financed by IFIs;
- Technical specialists and engineers in energy efficiency and buildings rehabilitation;
- Financial analysts with experience in cash flow and disbursement management;
- Procurement and contract management specialists;
- Environmental management practices.

Based on the fields of expertise and the tasks mentioned above, it is envisioned that the team of the Consultant should consist of at least the following expatriate and local experts:

- Team Leader;
- Local Project Manager with PIU Support Experience;
- Procurement / Contract management Specialist;
- Financial and disbursement specialist;
- Specialist in Energy Efficiency / Civil Engineer;
- Specialist in integrating renewables and alternative heating sources at building level renovation projects.

All key experts should have at least 7 years of experience in energy efficiency sector, as well as prior experience with implementation support of infrastructure projects funded by IFIs. It is further expected that all proposed experts have excellent written and communication skills in English, fluency in Georgian will be considered advantageous.

Submission Requirements: Interested consultants are invited to submit their Expression of Interest (EoI). In order to determine the capability and experience of Consultants seeking to be selected for this Assignment, the information submitted should include the following:

1. Company/group of firms' profile, organisation and staffing, including the presentation of the proposed expert team for the assignment.
2. Details of previous project experience or similar assignments particularly undertaken in the previous five years, including information on contract value, contracting entity/client, project location/country, duration (months and years), expert months provided (if different from duration), main activities and objectives.
3. CVs of key experts who could carry out the Assignment detailing education, language skills, qualifications, experience in similar assignments, particularly assignments undertaken in the previous five years, including information on contracting entity/client, project location/country, duration (months and years, from - to), expert months provided, assignment budget, main activities and accomplishments.

The above information should **not exceed 25 pages including** CVs and any supplementary information.

The complete Expression of Interest (including CVs) should be submitted in English electronically through email (procurement@nefco.int with copy to bo.nyhus@nefco.int), to reach NEFCO not later than the closing date. The Expression of Interest shall be one (1) file (pdf) not exceeding 5MB in size. NEFCO reserves the right to reject applications of firms submitting more than one file.

The short list (expected 3 to 6) of qualified and experienced firms will be prepared from responses to this notification. The short-listed Consultants will be asked to submit technical and financial proposals through a Request for Proposals (RfP), from which the highest-ranked Consultant will be selected.

It is expected that the shortlisted consultants will be given no less than 3 weeks to prepare the proposals.

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