REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTANING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)

Republic of Iraq Emergency Operation for Development Project- EODP Project ID No. P155732 **Reference No:** EODP – RF/C12-1

SCHOOL REHABILITATION AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLY ASSESSMENT IN TARGETED AREAS

The Emergency Operation for Development Project (EODP) is a US\$ 750 million operation for Iraq launched in 2015 with a development objective aimed at supporting the Government of Iraq (GoI) in the reconstruction of the damaged infrastructure and the restoration of public service delivery in targeted municipal areas in the Salah Al-Din, Diyala, Al-Anbar & Ninawa governorates as well as Kirkuk).

The project is composed of ten components that focus on the following areas:

Component (1): Restoring Electricity Infrastructure and Connectivity;

Component (2): Restoring Municipal Waste, Water and Sanitation Services;

Component (3): Restoring Transport Infrastructure;

Component (4): Restoring Health Services;

Component (5): Technical Assistance;

Component (6): Project Management, Sensitization and Monitoring and Evaluation;

Component (7): Restoring Agriculture Productivity;

Component (8): Emergency repair of water control infrastructure and irrigation schemes; Component (9): Restoring Education Services; and,

Component (10): Restoring Municipal Infrastructure and Services and Preserving Cultural Heritage Assets

EDUCATION COMPONENT (Component 9)

Under the education component, EODP will be providing financing for school rehabilitation/demolition & reconstruction and equipment supply in targeted areas, as well as teacher training program in psychosocial and emotional related aspects to help better manage students affected by the conflict and violence.

The school rehabilitation/demolition & reconstruction and equipment supply program will be implemented under the responsibility of a new Project Management Team (PMT) established at the Directorate for School Buildings (DSB) at the Ministry of Education (MoEd). Meanwhile the established Project Coordination Unit (PCU) in REFAATO is responsible for the procurement, contracting and contract management, until the PMT takes over the assignment. However, as a main beneficiary, **the Ministry of Education will be consulted to accept the deliverables presented by the consultant**.

Schools rehabilitation and equipment supply assessment will be done based on existing norms and standards either nationally or International standards as may be accepted on case by case basis as relevant. The task should aim to respond to the dual objective of: (i) addressing the urgent needs to accommodate children and offer a quality education; and (ii) laying the foundation for the long-term development of the education sector. Therefore,

the design of schools should be flexible and cost-efficient, attractive and conducive for children psychosocial and emotional development.

The REFAATO/PCU 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 Consultant shall possess prior experience in similar infrastructure construction and/or rehabilitation in similar environments, as well as in conducting studies or audits related to social services infrastructure in similar contexts. Previous provision of services in Iraq or middle east, and familiarity with local culture and context shall be an added advantage.

The Consultant is expected to have staff with appropriate experience in managing similar services, including preparation of relevant designs and bidding documents.

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 procedures Quality- and Cost-Based Selection (**QCBS**) method set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers* (January 2011 revised on July 2014).

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (<u>09:00 to</u> <u>14:00 hours</u>) Baghdad local time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by July 28, 2019 11:00 AM Baghdad local time.

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