

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)

Republic of Iraq
Emergency Operation for Development Project- EODP
Project ID No. P155732
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Consulting services for SCHOOL FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT, AND LABORATORIES EQUIPMENTNORMS AND STANDARDS ASSESSMENT

The Republic of Iraq has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), one of the World Bank Group institutions, toward the cost of the Emergency Operation for Development Project (EODP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Emergency Operation for Development Project (EODP) is a US\$ 350 million Multi Sector 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 (the cities of Tikrit, Dour, Al Dalooeyya and Al-Alam in the Salah Al-Din governorate, as well as the cities of Jalula, As-Sadiya and Al-Azeem in the Diyala governorate).

Objective

The objective of the education component of the Emergency Operation for Development Project is to support the restoration of education services in liberated and affected areas of Iraq, while laying the foundations for the sector development. Among other activities, the EODP will be providing financing for school rehabilitation and equipment supply in targeted areas

The main objective of the services subject of this REOI is to conduct a detailed review and assessment of the existing norms and standards of school furniture, equipment, and laboratories equipment and propose new norms and standards that are compliant with international standards, cost-effective, and adapted to the Iraqi context as regards to operation and maintenance expertise needed, and prepare relevant models of bidding documents for the acquisition of such equipment by the MoEd. A consulting company (the Consultant) will be selected to perform the tasks detailed below.

- (i) Preparation of a detailed review and assessment of norms and standards of all types of school furniture and equipment including laboratories equipment in use by schools in Iraq. The consultant will review and assess norms and standards being used for of all types of equipment and furniture in schools and classrooms by level and grades and present advantages and disadvantages for each type.
- (ii) In addition, the consultant will review and document current processes used by the MoEd for the acquisition of such furniture and equipment, with an identification of risks associated with each process.
- (iii) Based the outcomes of the review, the consultant will propose new norms and standards for each type of furniture and equipment by level, and grade that are compliant with international norms and standards, children age and safety, weight and height, as well as environmental considerations. However, such customized norms and standards must be cost-efficient for acquisition, operation, and maintenance as well (The concept of Value for Money is to be considered).

- (iv) The consultant will develop bidding document to be used by the MoEd for future acquisitions using WB Standards Procurement Documents and related regulations.
- (v) Finally, the consultant will provide a training on procurement processes and Bidding Documents prepared for the PMT of the MoEd.

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 education services equipment and pedagogy in similar environments, as well as in conducting studies related to quality of education, norms and standards of equipment in similar contexts. Previous provision of services Iraq 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. Experience in similar conditions is essential and regional experience would also be an advantage. The Consultant is encouraged to try to make use of local resources by association with local consulting firms/individuals, while still taking the full responsibility as the leader.

The Consultant shall provide a team of experts with necessary skills to deliver quality documentation on time.

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 (QCBS) selection 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 consultancies may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (09:00 to 14:00 hours) Baghdad local time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by April 19, 2018 11:00 AM Baghdad local time (In case of electronic submission the email address arrozy@yahoo.com, pmt.rf@refaato.iq should be used). An online submission is optional.

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