

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
HIRING A PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AGENT**

West Bank and Gaza
Innovative Private Sector Development (IPSD) Project
Project ID No. ***P164412***

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority (PA), has received financing in the amount of US \$13 million from the World Bank toward the cost of the Innovative Private Sector Development (IPSD) Project. The objective of the IPSD Project is to improve economic opportunities for individuals and firms in the West Bank and Gaza. It also falls under the World Bank's overarching objective to alleviate market failures related to gaps and binding constraints in the entrepreneurship ecosystem of the digital economy including in human capital, financing, product markets, enabling policies, institutional support, and connectivity.

In this context, the Ministry of National Economy (MoNE) of the Palestinian Authority (PA) intends to hire a private company to serve as the Project Implementation Agency (PIA) for the World Bank (WB) funded initiative. The PIA will be selected through a call for proposals process, which shall be concluded by the PIA signing an Implementation Agreement with MoNE.

The PIA shall be responsible for overall project management including: fiduciary, technical, safeguards, progress reporting, monitoring and evaluation, communications, outreach and PPD & Know-How Transfer. In addition to the fulltime core project management services, the PIA will be required to provide in situ technical expertise to support: (i) the improvement of market linkages to Arab communities in regional entrepreneurship ecosystems; (ii) the development of a dynamic startup finance ecosystem with a core focus on organized angel investing; (iii) the development of a new automated company registration system; (iv) the development of home-based business framework; (v) the building of an Outsourcing Hub in Gaza; and (vi) capacity building to MoNE.

The project is expected to be implemented starting May 2019 until November 2023.

MoNE now invites eligible firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). The qualification requirements are:

- Seniority as demonstrated by leadership ability, technical skills in one or more areas supported by the project, and years of management experience in overseeing the implementation of development projects and their evaluation;
- Experience as an administrator and implementer of similar development programs/projects (including collaborations with donor agencies);
- Experience with financial management and procurement procedures conforming to WB or other international development agencies' requirements for implementing projects;
- Experience in establishing strong partnerships with the local private sector (e.g. through joint ventures) and relevant public-sector agencies;
- Experience in Middle Eastern countries including West Bank/ Gaza.

Firms may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications.

Interested firms may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 14:30 hours (Ramallah Time) from Sunday to Thursday.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by Tuesday, January 15, 2019, before 13:30 P.M. (Ramallah Time).

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