

**SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE # 1-2019**  
**Strengthening Fiscal Governance Project (SFG1)**

**Consulting Services**

**Request for Expressions of Interest**

The Ministry of Finance (MOF) is implementing the “**Strengthening Fiscal Governance Project**” (SFG1) funded through a loan by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD). MOF intends to apply part of the proceeds of the loan to payments under a contract to be signed with a Firm for the following service:

**Consultancy Support for the Establishment of Internal Audit Function in Ministry of Finance (Lebanon)**

The main objective of this assignment is the initiation of Internal Audit processes within General Directorate of Finance on a pilot basis to comply with international standards. This will include complying with rules, laws and regulations, and as well avoiding overlaps between the mandates of Central Inspection, and Court of Accounts. This will be pursued through the establishment of an independent and objective internal audit and assurance function. More precisely, activities include: (i) a consolidation of existing diagnostic reviews, and assessment of the internal audit function,(ii) recommendations on legal and institutional set up of internal audit; (iv) establish an Internal Audit charter, (v) developing audit manuals and advise on internal audit software applications, and (vi) trainings on audit manuals.

Consultancy firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, July 2016. The selection method will be Quality and Cost Based Selection. The Firm will be contracted by MOF under the SFG1 project. Interested Firms shall express their interest in the form of a letter including the following information: (a) a brief description of the firm indicating size (No. of employees), staff (Quality of staff), services & sectors of activities; (b) a detailed list of similar or same assignments (Preferable public sector prior experience) during the last five years. The information should clearly indicate a narrative description of the assignment, contact details of the client.

The Ministry of Finance expects to short-list, for the assignment, a maximum of eight firms. Only those short-listed firms will receive the Request for Proposals (RFP) with detailed Terms of Reference and be invited to submit technical and financial proposals.

The RFP is expected to be issued during September 2019. Interested eligible Consultants for the assignment may obtain further information from SFG1 at the address given below. The deadline for submission of the Expressions of Interest is **on or before August 07, 2019 @ 16:00** (Beirut Time).

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