

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE # 2-2019
Ministry of Finance - Lebanon
Strengthening Fiscal Governance Project (SFG1) - Loan # IBRD P4880

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 to a Functional Review of the
Directorate General of Finance**

The main objective of this functional review is to analyze and assess the MoF-DGF functions and identify opportunities for enhancements in strategy, process and organization. The review provides a strategic, medium term vision for the development of the Public Finance Function while being responsive to immediate problems and challenges.

This will include assessing functional efficiency and effectiveness of MoF-DGF in fulfilling its mandates specifically how units and departments function to deliver the overall mandate of MoF, as well as providing a focused assessment of core public financial management functions and capabilities. It should review the current assignment of functions and organizational structure of MoF-DGF and its relationship with other parts of the Government. More precisely, this should examine six core functions in more details: 1) Budget and Commitment Control; 2) Public Accounting; 3) Treasury; 4) Expenditures; 5) Public Debt Management; and 6) Directorate of Administrative Affairs. The consultancy firm will pass through four phases to improve mandate of selected directorates. The main phases are: 1) initial review; 2) development of Recommendation; 3) Development of Transitional Strategy; and 4) Implementation phase.

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 all similar or same assignments (Preferable public sector prior experience) during the last three 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 December 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 December 09, 2019 @ 16:00** (Beirut Time).

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