

REPUBLIC OF LEBANON

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

EMERGENCY FISCAL MANAGEMENT REFORM IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT PROJECT

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

1. The Government of Lebanon has applied for a grant in the amount of US\$4.0 million from the International Development Agency (IDA), the administrator of the Trust Fund for Lebanon (TFL), for a proposed Emergency Fiscal Management Reform Implementation Support Project (EFMIS-TA). The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Finance (MoF) over a period of one year and a half.

2. Consistent with the broader fiscal and budgetary reform program presented by Lebanon at the Paris III Donor Conference in January 2007, and building on initial progress already made by the Ministry of Finance, the project will include five components. The first component will support strengthening macroeconomic programming and policy analysis in the Ministry of Finance. The second component would provide assistance to improve the management of public expenditure. The third and fourth components would provide advisory services to strengthen debt and aid management, respectively. The fifth component would assist in the provision of targeted training connected to the other components of the project. To these ends, the project would finance international and local advisory services (with a small provision for office equipment essential to the effectiveness of the project), as well as training and capacity building directly related to the envisaged reform measures. The project implementation will be supported through the establishment of a project implementation unit within the Ministry of Finance.

3. The project will finance mainly consultants' services to the Ministry of Finance and selected line ministries as well at the Council for Development and Reconstruction and the Central Bank of Lebanon. It is expected that a majority of the services will be contracted to individual local and international consultants. The implementation of the Project requires the recruitment of the following Consultants:

Component 1 – Establishment of a Macro-Fiscal Analysis Unit

1. Int'l Macroeconomic Analysis and Modeling Advisor (5 months)
2. Nt'l Full-time Macroeconomic Analysis and Modeling Advisor (18 months)
3. Nt'l Fiscal Team Support Advisor (18 months)
4. Nt'l Public Enterprise Coverage Advisor (18 months)

Component 2 – Public Expenditure Management

5. Int'l Legal Consistency Advisor (2 months)
6. Int'l Senior Advisor [Public Investment Program, loi programme] (3 months)

Subcomponent A- Expenditure Planning and Budget formulation

7. Int'l Resident Budget Planning Advisor (12 months)

8. Int'l Visiting Budgeting / Sectoral Medium Term Expenditure Framework Advisor (6 months)
9. Int'l High level review of Budget Classification/ Chart of Account advisor (3 months)
10. Int'l Review of Budget Classification/ Chart of Account Advisor (5 months)
11. Nt'l Full-time Budget Preparation Advisor (18 months)
12. 2 Nt'l Sectoral economists (18 months each)
13. Nt'l Review of Budget Classification/ Chart of Account Advisor (12 months)

Subcomponent B: Budget Execution, Monitoring and Audit

14. Int'l Senior Public Audit Expert Advisor (3 months)
15. Int'l Treasury Mngt Strengthening Advisor (4 months)
16. 2 Int'l Budget Execution System Diagnostic and Solutions Advisors (6 months each)
17. Nt'l Treasury Mngt Strengthening Advisor (18 months)
18. Nt'l Development of a Cash Forecasting Tool (Software dvlpmt)
19. Nt'l Budget Execution System Diagnostic Advisor (18 months)

Component 3 – Debt and Aid Management

20. Int'l Debt Strategy Formulation Advisor (3 months)
21. Int'l Cost-Risk Analysis Advisor (6 months)
22. Int'l Debt Strategy Implementation Advisor (6 weeks)
23. Int'l Data and Debt Recording Advisor (4 months)
24. Nt'l Debt Management Advisor (18 months)
25. Nt'l Legal Advisor (18 months)

Component 4– Aid Coordination and Management

26. Int'l Resident Aid Management Advisor (12 months)
27. Nt'l Aid Coordination and Management Advisor (18 months)

Component 5 – Training and Capacity Building

28. Int'l Training Design and Implementation Advisor (2 months)
29. Nt'l Training Coordinator (6 months)

The Ministry of Finance has already recruited a Financial Officer and a Procurement Officer for the Project. The recruitment of the Project Manager is currently being finalized.

4. In addition to the above Individual Consultants, a firm will be recruited for the organization of workshops, to bring together MoF, line ministry, procurement and accounting staff, and if appropriate concerned donors. Also, an auditor will be recruited to audit the financial statements of the project.

5. It is anticipated that the method of procurement of Goods that will be used is exclusively the "shopping" for off-the-shelf products.

6. Procurement of Goods will be carried out in accordance with the Guidelines for Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits (May 2004; revised October 1, 2006).

Procurement of Services will be carried out in accordance with the Guidelines for the Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (May 2004; revised October 1, 2006).

7. Specific procurement notices for all the above services will be announced, as they become available, in local newspapers. In addition, Specific procurement notices for International posts will be advertised in Development Business.

8. The Ministry of Finance might consider the possibility of hiring (a) consulting firm(s), instead of recruiting Individual International Consultants.

9. Interested eligible consultants or firms who wish to receive a copy of the advertisement requesting expressions of interest for one or more of the above consultancy services, or those requiring additional information, should contact the address below. The field of interest should be clearly indicated by specifying the title of the post(s) interested in.

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