## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

## (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL (ENVIRONMENTAL) CONSULTANT SELECTION)

#### TURKIYE

## **Municipal Services Project I**

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: AFD CTR 1075 01 K / AFD CTR 1075 06 R

Reference No.: AFD2-IND03

ILBANK ("the Beneficiary") has received a grant from the French Development Agency (Agence Française de Développement – "AFD"), for the purpose of financing the costs of the "Municipal Services Project I" (the content of which is further described in the Appendix 1 below). ILBANK intends to apply part of the proceeds for the recruitment of individual consultant services ("the Services") for Environmental Consultant position (AFD2-IND03). One consultant will be hired on a full-time basis.

The Environmental Consultant will join ILBANK's Project Management Unit (PMU), within its Department of International relations at its headquarters in Ankara, to participate in the daily tasks and activities associated with the management of the Project's implementation, in close collaboration with ILBANK's General Directorate, Regional Directorates and involved Water and Wastewater Administrations (SKIs) and Municipalities. The Service is expected to start in October 2024. The estimated duration of the Project is approximately three (3) years. One-year renewable contract with a two (2) months' probation period will be signed with the Environmental Consultant.

ILBANK invites eligible applicants to indicate their interests for the Services mentioned above. For the Environmental Consultant position, at least 3 (three) and a maximum of six (6) eligible candidates will be shortlisted. In case more than six candidates fulfil all of the shortlisting criteria below, the candidates will be ranked from highest to lowest, according to the criteria that is mentioned as a plus below, ("plus" criteria will be considered according to their addition to the relevancy of the application to the position) and only the top six candidates, after such ranking, will be shortlisted. Those applicants will then receive a Request for Proposal including detailed Terms of Reference.

The scope of the consultant's services includes; providing environmental management services to the ILBANK PMU during project preparation and implementation. This includes identifying and managing environmental issues, mitigating risks, and ensuring compliance with relevant regulations and standards. The Consultant will assist in preparing and reviewing environmental assessment documents, support stakeholders in finalizing ESHS criteria, and ensure all documents align with WB ESS. They will also monitor and report on environmental performance, conduct field visits, and provide training on environmental issues to ensure comprehensive project understanding and compliance. A possible candidate is expected to have proficiency in key computer applications.

Interested applicants shall submit their Curriculum Vitae (CV) in English in the format given in the Appendix II below, before 02.09.2024, 17.00 (local hour). In their CV, interested applicants must provide information evidencing that they are qualified and experienced to perform the expected Services; only recent and similar services shall be considered when ranking the applications. Determination of the similarity of the experiences will be based on: (i) the nature of the services performed; (ii) the technical area of expertise; (iii) implementation of international donors' procedures; (iv) experince in environmental compliance monitoring and reporting.

Furthermore, the applicants are expected to fulfil all shortlisting criteria detailed below:

- At least bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering or any other related field, advanced degree on related field such as environmental sciences, applied ecology, wildlife conversation etc. will be considered as a plus,
- Minimum eight (8) years of work experience in the preparation or implementation of EIA/ESIAs and/or the implementation of ESCPs/ESMPs, additional years of related work experience will be considered as a plus,
- Proven track record of environmental assessment, documentation and/or implementation or
  monitoring in at least 1 (one) project financed by international financial and development
  organizations (such as the World Bank/IFC, the European Union, AFD, the United Nations,
  EBRD, JICA and etc.), amounting to at least two years of full time employment in the last
  five years,
- Practical knowledge of national environmental legislation, norms and procedures; as well as internationally recognized and widely referenced E&S benchmarks, standards and best practices (WB ESF, IFC PS, EBRD PR, Equator Principles etc.) is required,
- Experience in environmental monitoring and reporting in infrastructure projects such as water or wastewater sector and solid waste management would be a plus.
- Knowledge in national occupational health and safety (OHS) legislation and experience in OHS practices in infrastructure projects would be a plus.
- Fluency in written and oral English and Turkish.

Eligibility criteria to AFD financing are specified in sub-clause 1.3 of the "Procurement Guidelines for AFD-Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries", available online on AFD's website: http://www.afd.fr

Interested applicants may obtain further information at the e-mail address below during office hours (09.30 to 18.00).

<u>The CV shall be sent in PDF format.</u> Reference Number of the position you apply for shall be mentioned on the CV.

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# **APPENDIX 1: PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

#### CONTEXT OF THE PROJECT

ILBANK has signed a grant agreement (the "Financing Agreement") with the French Development Agency (Agence Française de Developpement - AFD) on 13th April 2020, towards financing the costs of the "Municipal Services Project I" (the "Project"). The grant was delegated to AFD by the European Commission under the European Union Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRIT 2). İLBANK, AFD and the European Commission have agreed to extend the scope of the Project. An Amendment n°1 to the Contribution Agreement between the Commission and the Agency was signed on December 18th, 2020. Project's implementation deadline is 31 December 2029.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND CONTENT OF THE PROJECT**

The overall objective of the Project is to contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of host communities and Syrians under Temporary Protection (SuTPs) in the South-East of Turkiye in terms of access to water and wastewater services.

The specific objectives are as follows:

- (i) Provide access for host communities and SuTPs to safely managed drinking water, wastewater and solid waste services,
- (ii) Participate in the protection of the region's environment and, in particular, of its resources in fresh water, under stress due to climate change,
- (iii) Contribute to the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions through an improved management of municipal solid waste and wastewater,
- (iv) Support the municipalities and water and sewerage administrations (Su ve Kanalizasyon Idaresi or SKI's) in achieving operational and financial sustainability in solid waste, water and wastewater services.

The specific objectives (ii), (iii) and (iv) are essential to the first objective's sustainability.

The Project will consist of three main components, one infrastructure component (Component 1) and one capacity building and technical assistance component (Component 2), as well as a communication and visibility component (Component 3).

The Project, includes 3 components:

- 1) A water, wastewater and solid waste infrastructure investment component, comprising nineteen projects located in eight provinces (Kilis, Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep, Mardin Mersin, Hatay, Malatya and Adıyaman),
- 2) A technical assistance component, including in particular accompanying measures to improve the performance of solid waste, water and wastewater operators (municipalities and metropolitan municipality water and wastewater administrations called "SKIs"), and to support ILBANK in on-granting management of the Project.
- 3) Communication and visibility actions.

### STAKEHOLDERS AND MODUS OPERANDI

The Final Beneficiaries of the Project are the targeted water and wastewater operators, whether municipalities or Metropolitan Municipality Water and Wastewater Administrations ("SKI"), with which ILBANK signed On-Granting Agreements, and which will be the owners of the assets financed as part of Component 1. These are:

- 6 SKIs in Şanlıurfa (SUSKI), Gaziantep (GASKI), Mardin (MARSU), Mersin (MESKI), Hatay (HATSU) and Malatya (MASKI);
- 4 non-metropolitan municipalities (the centre municipality of Kilis, the centre municipality of Adıyaman, the district municipalities of Elbeyli and Polateli located in the province of Kilis), which manage their water and wastewater services directly under their own management;
- 2 metropolitan municipalities (Gaziantep and Şanlıurfa) for the solid waste management subprojects.

ILBANK, a public bank dedicated to the financing of municipal infrastructures, assumes the role of technical and financial intermediary and the functions of project management assistance to the municipalities / SKI. ILBANK has signed a grant agreement with AFD to that end.

The Primary Beneficiary and technical and financial coordinator of the Project is ILBANK, which will act as the Financial Intermediary (FI) to transfer funds to participating municipalities or utilities in the selected provinces within the scope of Component 1 (investments); in addition, ILBANK will directly procure some tenders in relation with Components 2 and 3 (consultancy services such as audit of the project's account, communication and visibility services and external supervision for works)

#### **COST AND FINANCING**

The Project is financed exclusively by a grant, delegated to AFD by the European Commission FRIT-II. ILBANK, AFD and the European Commission have agreed to extend the scope of the Project. An Amendment N°1 to the Contribution Agreement between the Commission and the Agency was signed on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Also with an AFD Loan in the amount of EUR 63 Million, the total budget is EUR 277.82 million.

# **APPENDIX II: FORM OF CURRICULUM VITAE** Name of Staff **Profession Home Address** Phone home mobile E-Mail **POSITION APPLIED**: (name and ref. number) **KEY QUALIFICATIONS** Specific experience in: **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

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# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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