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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION

Maldives

Maldives Urban Development and Resilience Project (163957)

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: IDA V292-MV

Assignment Title: Consultancy service for the Maldives Housing Market Needs and Assessment Study

Reference No: MV-MONPI-144741-CS-CQS

The Government of Maldives has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Maldives Urban Development and Resilient Project (163957), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) includes (i) conduct a consumer research study to understand consumer housing needs, behaviors and preferences toward housing ownership, rental and/or home improvement through own capacity-to-pay and/or government support, (ii) assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the GoM social housing programs in meeting consumers’ housing needs; (iii) conduct a supply-side supply chain study to identify market gaps; and (iv) develop a roadmap for affordable housing policy and programs by income segment and location. Completion period is 09 months after the contract signing date.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.finance.gov.mv or can be obtained at the address given below.

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on behalf of Ministry of National Planning and Infrastructure (MNPI) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: (i) A minimum of 5 year general experience, (ii) A minimum of 3 year particular experience in conducting housing need assessment, (iii) Experience in conducting consumer research study, (iv) understanding the housing needs and experience in carrying out consumer research surveys, (v) Experience in working in small islands. (vi) Availability of key Experts. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the, World Bank Procurement Regulations for the IPF Borrowers-Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016 Revised November 2017 and August 2018. (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants Quality-based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [08:00hrs to 14:00hrs].

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **1400** hours Maldivian time on **December 18, 2019.**

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