

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES– FIRMS SELECTION)

VIET NAM

**COASTAL CITIES SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT PROJECT – NHA TRANG
CITY SUBPROJECT**

IDA Credit No.: 6027-VN

Assignment Title: Social and Environmental Safeguards Monitoring Consultant

Reference No.: NT-1.23

The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Coastal Cities Sustainable Environment Project – Nha Trang Subproject, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include periodic independent monitoring and implementation of a number of activities to build capacity for the management of the social environmental safeguards for project stakeholders; periodically providing results of independent assessment and review of implementation of the objectives of resettlement, changes in living standards and employment, rehabilitation of income and social background of affected people, effectiveness, impact and sustainability of the affected people's entitlement, the need for additional mitigation measures (if any); monitoring the on-going implementation of the resettlement action plan in compliance with the policies and procedures set forth in RAP, and whether the main objectives of RAP are achieved. In addition, the Consultant will work with PMU experts / staff to monitor and evaluate the project’s environmental management issues. The consultant will perform tasks in accordance with professional standards, applying technical measures, financial professional knowledge and skills, economic knowledge, and management skills. The Services are expected to commence in December 2017 and to be completed in November 2021.

The Khanh Hoa Development Project Management Unit 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:

- a. Qualifications of the firm: The shortlisted firms must demonstrate the soundness of the financing position, have sufficient number of qualified professional specialists with professional experience relating to the Services, and full equipment to satisfactorily perform the consulting tasks, etc.
- b. Experience of the firm: The shortlisted firms must have relevant experience in independent monitoring (i) environmental safeguards for ODA projects, with priority in the field of environmental sanitation, drainage, sewage, wastewater treatment and (ii) social safeguards for ODA projects.
- c. Key personnel of the firm: The shortlisted firms need to propose a list of key personnel with sufficient professional capacity and experience that best fits the job.

Interested consultants must provide information (brochures, documentations, description core business and years in business, qualification in the field of the assignments, technical and management organization, general qualification and number of key staff, performance experience including experience in similar assignments, available of appropriate skills staff, financial capacity, eligibility, form of association, etc.)

indicating that they are qualified to perform the Services. However, the EOIs should be limited to 30-40 pages (excluding relevant supporting documents).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers version January 2011, revised in July 2014* ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected based on the Consultants' Qualifications (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 08:00 to 11:30 and from 13:30 to 17:00.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 09:00 am September 28, 2017.

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Best regards,

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