Request for Expressions of Interest

(Consulting Services – firms selection)

Russian Federation Small Historic Cities Development Project Loan No. 18RU02

Assignment Title:

Consulting services for preparation of the Design and technical part of Bidding documents for procurement of works under Sub-Project for Increasing Tourism Attractiveness as a Sustainable Development Strategy in the city of Arzamas, Nizhny Novgorod Oblast

Reference No: AR(d)

Date: August 29, 2019

The Russian Federation has received financing from the New Development Bank toward the cost of the Small Historic Cities Development Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include:

- Conducting all necessary surveys, explorations and other preliminary tasks required for preparation of the Design documents, including section on restoration;
- Preparation of the Design documents and obtaining their approval from the corresponding State control and supervision agencies, organizations and departments;
- Preparation of technical part of bidding documents for selection of a Contractor complying with the requirements and guidelines set out in the latest editions of the IBRD standard documents and based on approved Design documents.

The subproject contemplates restoration and adaptation of cultural heritage sites for accommodation of cultural institutions, as well as landscaping and local improvements in the city center.

Services shall be provided within a period of 24 months.

St. Petersburg Foundation for Investment projects (FISP) acting on behalf of the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation now invites eligible consultants (legal entities) from the BRICS member-countries 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:

- experience in successful fulfillment within the past five (5) years of similar assignments, in particular, experience in performing the General Designer functions, experience in preparation of design documents for reconstruction and restoration of cultural heritage sites, as well as for landscaping and local improvements, besides as specified in the TOR the Consultant shall confirm availability of at least two (2) signed contracts for development of Design Documents for cultural heritage sites/building restoration, one (1) of which should be satisfactorily completed, and one (1) could be under implementation;
- availability of staff with appropriate skills to be proposed for the assignment.

Consultants may associate in the form of a joint venture with no more than two (2) partners having experience in participation in design preparation, or with subconsultants to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant submitting an expression of interest as a JV shall submit a copy of the JV agreement as well.

In case of a group of companies only experience of firms proposed for undertaking the assignment will be considered.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality- and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) procedures similar to those of the World Bank, adjusted to the NDB's Procurement Policy requirements.

Consultants may obtain further information from FISP (address below) on working days from 10.00 to 17.00 hours. Draft Terms of Reference for the assignment could be downloaded upon registration at the FISP web-site at the following address: <u>www.fisp.spb.ru/documents 63</u>.

Expressions of interest in any format shall be signed by an authorized officer and delivered to the address below not later than September 12, 2019.

FISP reserves the right not to consider Expressions of Interest received later than September 12, 2019.

St. Petersburg Foundation for Investment Projects (FISP)

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