REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

REPUBLIC OF LEBANON LEBANON EMERGENCY CRISIS AND COVID-19 RESPONSE SOCIAL SAFETY NET PROJECT (ESSN) IBRD Loan No. 9198-LB Project ID No. P173367

Post Title: Financial Officer for the Central Management Unit under the Presidency of the Council of Ministers Reference No. IC002

The Government of Lebanon (GOL) has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (The "World Bank") towards the Emergency Crisis and COVID-19-Response Social Safety Net Program (ESSN). The objective of the \$246 million project is to provide cash transfers and access to social services to extreme poor and vulnerable Lebanese populations affected by the economic and COVID-19 crises.

The Government of Lebanon now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services of **Financial Officer** for Lebanon Emergency Crisis And COVID-19 Response Social Safety Net Project.

Detailed Terms of Reference for the post of Financial Officer are posted on the website of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers at the following address: <u>www.pcm.gov.lb</u>, under the section 'خدمات /مشاريع ووظائف''.

The Financial Officer will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting, and Consulting Services (dated July 2016 and revised in November 2020).

The Consultant will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- General experience preferably including responsibility for the financial and accounting operations of a public sector agency;
- Experience managing finance activities using World Bank financial management guidelines (is a plus);
- Knowledge of international accounting standards;
- Experience working with international donors and organizations;
- Ability to take a leadership position in a team based environment;
- Analytical and problem-solving and negotiating skills;
- Written and verbal communication skills. Ability to interact and communicate effectively with senior government staff;

- Knowledge and practical experience using computer software (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Project); and
- Fluency in Arabic and English; fluency in French is a plus.

The expression of interest should be in the form of candidate's CV. Once the short-list is finalized, interviews are expected to be conducted in order to finalize the selection process. Negotiations of the terms of the contract are expected to be conducted in December 2021.

The attention of interested Individual Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" (November 2020) ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth World Bank's policy on conflict of interest in the World Bank's "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under World Bank Procurement in Investment Project Financing, Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services" dated July 1, 2016 revised on November 2017 and August 2018.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours: from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Beirut time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to e-mail below by December 12, 2021 by 4:00 PM Beirut time.

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