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Country: **Republic of Uzbekistan**

Name of Project: **Reconstruction and Upgrading of M39 Road 1255-1315 km**

Name of Sector: **Transport**

CONSULTING SERVICES: **Financial Audit Services**

Mode of Financing: **Instalment Sale**

Financing No. **UZB-0086**

The Republic of Uzbekistan has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the Reconstruction and Upgrading of M39 Road 1255-1315 km, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for financial auditing services. The services include expressing a professional opinion as to whether (i) the Project Financial Statements (PFS) show true and fair view of the Project's financial position as of the end of each fiscal year and funds receipts from Islamic Development Bank and expenditures incurred during the period then ending, and (ii) the expenditures reimbursed on basis of Statements of Expenditures are eligible to Bank financing and are reflected on the PFS properly. The assignment will cover auditing of all project resources provided by Islamic Development Bank and the Government of Uzbekistan.

Please refer to the General Procurement Notices (GPN) for this project that appeared in the website of Islamic Development bank at www.isdb.org dated December 1, 2022.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.

The "Avtoyulinvest" Agency under the Road Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan as *implementing agency* now invites eligible national chartered auditing firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested auditing firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Experience in the following area or tasks shall be the minimum requirement for these assignments:

- Similar Specific Financial Audit Services;
- Experience of Financial Audit Services in Projects, financed by Multi-Development Financial Institutions and/or any international organization financed.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs, 1.23, and 1.24 of the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (the "Procurement Guidelines"), setting forth IsDB's policy on conflict of interest.

Auditing firms 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.

Auditing firm will be selected in accordance with the Least cost-based selection' (LCS) method set out in the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under IsDB Project Financing (April 2019) from a shortlist of local reputable audit firms to carry out the assignment on a yearly basis.

Interested audit firms may obtain further information at the address below during office hours, from 09:00 to 18:00 hours (local time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by e-mail or by fax by May 10, 2023 (10.00 am local time).

Avtoyulinvest Agency

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