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REOUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Consultancy for Independent Verification Agent (Firm)

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The Government of the Republic of Maldives has received financing from International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank towards the cost of the Public Financial Management Systems Strengthening Project, Maldives, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to acquire the Consultancy Services for Independent Verification Agent.

The Ministry of Finance (the Employer), invites for Expression Of Interest from eligible and qualified consultants to the **Consultancy Services for Independent Verification Agent.**

The purpose of this assignment is to conduct an independent verification of progress on Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) under the DLI category of expenditure. This consultancy aims to:

- (a) Design evaluation methodology for verification of the progress made on DLIs by the MoF
- (b) Conduct the verification in a transparent and independent manner such that it provides the robust evidence for decision makers.

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested firms must provide specific information which demonstrates that they are fully qualified to perform the services (background of the firm's technical expertise, description of any similar assignments undertaken, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, value of those services, etc.).

The firm shall be selected based on the qualification and experience, in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's <u>Guidelines</u>: <u>Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD loans and IDA credits and grants by World Bank Borrowers</u>, July 2016, revised November 2017.

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

A firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality-and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

A more detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the consultancy services will be available on the Ministry's website www.finance.gov.mv. Interested firms may obtain further information by writing to the address below.

The expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by regular mail, emails or fax, no later than 1300 hours Maldivian time on January 22, 2019.

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