**Extension for the Deadline Submission Date**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

**Country**: The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

**Name of Project**: Strengthening Reform Management in Jordan

**Grant No**.: P171965

**Assignment Title**: Assessment and Recommendations for the Development of a National Traceability System for Agricultural Commodities in Jordan

**Reference No**.: C1.2-CS-94-2

The Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC) of Jordan has received financing from the Multi Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) toward the support of Strengthening Reform Management in Jordan and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

1. Analyze the Agricultural Product Value Chain and pinpoint potential bottlenecks and areas of improvement in traceability.
2. Regulatory Review and Provide a more in-depth evaluation of existing laws, regulations, and guidelines of relevant ministries and authorities, suggesting changes needed to align them with the system implementation.
3. Detail the technical conditions and Export Requirements for agricultural products in target international markets, using as an example the existing Standard Operating Procedures published by the MoA.
4. Review Food Safety System Capacity Evaluate the current laboratory testing systems and accreditation mechanisms in Jordan’s agricultural sector.
5. Institutional and technical capacity building by organizing a study tour for engineers on traceability to learn about a successful experience in another country.
6. Finalize traceability system design:
	1. Describe the proposed system design system, roles, and responsibilities for different actors, underlying operational processes, etc.
	2. Draft Legislative Framework: The Draft Legislative Framework should outline a comprehensive legislative structure supporting the traceability system implementation and governance.
	3. Provide a detailed financial estimate for the development and implementation of an electronic traceability system, covering all necessary hardware, software, and human resources.
	4. Capacity Building Proposal:  Outline a program for enhancing both the technical and administrative capacities of key stakeholders involved in the traceability system implementation.
	5. Provide the Implementation Roadmap listing specific actions, responsibilities, timelines, and resource requirements for each stage of the traceability system implementation.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website:

[**https://bitly.ws/YTIX**](https://bitly.ws/YTIX)

MoPIC 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 track record of the **development of traceability systems**, including the design and implementation of relevant software solutions, and experience in developing **legislative frameworks** Project management

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 (“Procurement Regulations”), revised November 2017 and August 2018 setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. Consultants 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. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the World Bank’s Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00 to 16:00 from Sunday to Thursday.

Expressions of Interest document must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person before **26 November 2023, before 11:00 Jordan time**:

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