

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

From Governorship of Istanbul, Istanbul Project Coordination Unit (IPCU):

Istanbul Resilience Project

Loan No.	9864-TR
Assignment Title	Consultancy Services for Upgrading 50 Existing Educational Buildings, Design of Youth and Elder Camps to Serve as Shelters for Local Residents During and After Earthquake Disasters and a Crisis Centre, a Training Centre, and Fire Towers for the Forest Directorate, in İstanbul
Reference No.	WB-C2A.1

1. The Republic of Türkiye has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Istanbul Resilience Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for this Consultancy Services for Design of the buildings mentioned below.

2. The consulting services (“the Services”) include Design for the Upgrading of 50 Existing Educational Buildings, Design of Youth and Elder Camps to serve as shelters for local residents during and after earthquake disasters, Design of a Crisis Centre, Design of a Training Centre, and Design of Fire Towers for the Forest Directorate, in İstanbul (WB-C2A.1).

The purpose of the project is to address the minimum sheltering needs of local residents during and in the aftermath of earthquake disasters, with due consideration of safety, basic needs, and social values. In addition, a Crisis Centre, Training Centre, and Fire Towers for the Forest Directorate will be designed to prevent and mitigate risks associated with extreme heat, wildfires, floods, and droughts.

Upon completion of the design services covered under WB-C2A.1, the downstream construction works for upgrading of the 50 existing educational buildings (upgraded with newly incorporated energy efficiency improvements), and the construction of the Youth and Elder Camps, Crisis Centre, Training Centre, and Fire Towers to be constructed with the same features will ensure uninterrupted access to water, electricity, and other critical resources, enabling these facilities to function as temporary shelters in times of disaster. Green measures and sustainable solutions will be integrated, to the extent feasible, to enhance long-term resilience and efficiency.

The estimated total level of professional effort is approximately 150 staff-months.

The overall implementation period is 14 months from the date of contract signing.

The expected start date of the assignment is the third quarter of 2026, following completion of the tender evaluation for construction contracts.

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

https://testweb.ipkb.gov.tr/downloads/WB-C2A.1_Terms_of_Reference_published.pdf

4. The Istanbul Project Coordination Unit (IPCU) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.) demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

5. A consulting firm is allowed to submit the expression of interest alone if it considers itself to be fully qualified on its own for the assignment, as it is not mandatory for consultants to

associate with any other firm(s), whether foreign or local. Alternatively, if consultants themselves choose to associate to enhance their qualifications and capability for the assignment, then such associations may either be as a Joint Venture (i.e. all members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally responsible) and/or Sub-consultants (i.e. the Consultant will be responsible, including for the services of the sub-consultant). In case of an association, the Consultants must explain in the EOI submission (a) the rationale for forming the association and (b) the anticipated role and relevant qualifications of each member of the Joint Venture and/or of each sub-consultant for carrying out the assignment, to justify the proposed inclusion of the JV members and/or sub-consultants in the association. Failure to provide the above explanation in the Expression of Interest may risk the association not being shortlisted for the assignment. Please note that in the evaluation of EOIs of associations for shortlisting purposes, only the qualifications of the JV members will be taken into account whereas the qualifications of proposed sub-consultants will not be considered.

6. The shortlisting/selection criteria are:

I. General Experience in the engineering consulting sector,

II. Specific Experience:

(a) Specific Experience in design of new educational, social, and public use buildings of similar scale,

(b) Specific experience in design for upgrading of existing buildings of similar scale,

III. No consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the applicant under contracts completed or ongoing under its execution since 1st January 2020.

7. To demonstrate their qualifications and experience in meeting the above shortlisting/selection criteria, Consultants are requested to submit, at a minimum, the supporting documentation listed below. A consultant firm can only use its own qualifications and experience and not of its parent, sister or subsidiary companies or its employees.

I. The firm's incorporation/trade/registration documents issued by the concerned government authority of the country of the firm.

II. Company information: Name, status, address, telephone number, facsimile number, year of establishment, contact person for the project,

III. The firm's company brochures including the core areas of business.

IV. Completed Form-1 (attached to this Request for Expression of Interest) should provide information of the specific experience of similar contracts completed in past ten years. This should include the name and reference number of the contract, brief description of the scope of work, period of the contract, name of the client and country of assignment, value of consulting services and value of works, total closed area subject to each similar assignment (per share if JV), location, number of staff involved in the contract (per share if JV), name of the Client, name of partners for contract execution and share of services, source of financing, type of services provided, contract commencement and completion dates and role of the Consultant in the contract.

V. Letters of recommendation or copies of completion certificates/references from previous Employers for the last ten years including the start and end dates and the personnel involved.

VI. A list of ongoing assignments including the start and end dates and the personnel involved.

VII. Accurate information about all litigation or arbitration cases resulting from contracts completed or ongoing under its execution since 1st January 2020 and specify whether the court/arbitral award decision was against or in favor of the applicant. A consistent history of awards against the applicant may result in the applicant not being shortlisted.

8. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to (i) paragraphs 3.16 & 3.17 of the World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement in Investment Project Financing (Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services) (September 2023), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

9. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

10. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [10:00 a.m. to 16:00 p.m. (local time)].

11. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (by surface mail, courier or hand delivery or by e-mail) by 11th of August, 2026 | 16:00 (local time).

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Attachment: Form-1 (Similar Contracts)

Name of Consultant firm: _____ (attach separate form for each firm in case of JV)

Sr. No.	Contract name & Reference No. of contract	Brief Description of scope of work and main deliverables/outputs	Contract value (in US\$ equivalent)/ Amount paid to your firm	Contract Period (start date and completion date)	Name of Client & Country of Assignment	Role in the Assignment
	{e.g., “Improvement quality of.....”: designed master plan for rationalization of; }		{e.g., US\$1 mill/US\$0.5 mill}	{e.g., Jan.2009– Apr.2010}	{e.g., Ministry of, country}	{e.g., Lead partner in a JV A&B&C}
	{e.g., “Support to sub-national government.....” : drafted secondary level regulations on.....}		{e.g., US\$0.2 mil/US\$0.2 mil}	{e.g., Jan- May 2008}	{e.g., municipality of....., country}	{e.g., sole Consultant}