

## COUNTRY: AFGHANISTAN

### OPPORTUNITY FOR MAXIMIZING AGRIBUSINESS INVESTMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (OMAID - P168179)

#### TERM OF REFERENCE FOR CONSULTANT

#### **INDUSTRIAL PARKS SENIOR SPECIALIST** (RE-ANNOUCEMENT)

##### **A. BACKGROUND AND POSITION CONTEXT**

Recognizing that agriculture/agribusiness development are crucial for inclusive growth and jobs creation, the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GoIRA) is committed to a program of renewal and strategic long-term investments in this sector. To this end, the GoIRA is preparing a new project “Opportunity for Maximizing Agribusiness Investments and Development - OMAID” with support from the World Bank Group.

OMAID development objective is to enhance private sector participation in agricultural value-chains in Afghanistan. This objective is aligned with the Afghanistan Agribusiness Charter, adopted in November 2018 by the High Economic Council (HEC). The Charter presents a comprehensive and strategic plan (2019-2024) to enable growth of agri-enterprises and promote greater opportunities for both self-employment and jobs in rural and urban areas. It focuses on investments in four strategic priorities: (i) supportive policy and regulatory environment that can foster a competitive and sustainable upgrade of the agribusiness sector in Afghanistan; (ii) innovative agri-spatial solutions (agri-food parks) to support enhanced productivity of Afghan smallholder farmers and competitiveness of agri-food enterprises in local and international markets; (iii) access to finance to increase the availability of sustainable and appropriate financial services for agricultural value chain actors (farmers, intermediary agencies, traders, processors and exporters); and (iv) strengthening institutions for efficient service delivery.

OMAID investments focuses on points (i) and (ii) and is designed as the “umbrella” for the effective coordination and implementation of the Agribusiness Charter. The project clusters its activities around two interrelated technical components: (i) improving the enabling environment for agribusiness development; and (ii) support to private investments through agri-spatial solutions. In addition, a third project component focuses on project coordination and monitoring and crisis prevention and management (see attached project document for detailed description of the components/activities).

OMAID will be implemented under the overall responsibility of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MoIC).

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce is looking for a highly skilled individual for developing IAFPs under OMAID (**Industrial Parks Senior Specialist**). The position is to be a full-time post for the whole project duration (5-years). The IPs specialist is to be seated at the MoIC, General Directorate for Industrial Parks.

##### **SPECIFIC RESPONSABILITIES AND TASKS**

The IPs senior specialist will report to the Project Manager and will work also closely with the IPGD. He/she will be responsible for the following tasks:

- In consultation with the Project Manager and the IPGD, day-to-day management, coordination and supervision of activities related to development of IAFP in the intended provinces.
- Working with the Project Manager and the IPGD, develop a flyer for each park, including a brief statement on the development vision: short, medium and long term (up to 15 years) and statement of the park's overall objective;
- Liaise with the existing core investors already in Afghanistan and ensure day-to-day promotion of IAFPs and obtain information relevant to their interests to be included in their design and future operation and management.
- Review and suggest update existing IPs regulations as needed in line with best practices and the specific needs of industrial parks development in the provinces covered under OMAID.

- Ensure the implementation of IPs procedure at different stages (Design, Technical Studies, and Implementation) of OMAID.
- Collect data, information and statistics (availability of agri-food products of the intended provinces, no of active factories for agri-food products, new investments for agri-food products, demands available for IAFP, and necessary data and information) required for developing IAFPs.
- Contribute to the review of the feasibility studies for the parks to be developed under OMAID.
- Coordinate and review timelines & action plans of service/goods providers (third party contractors) for conducting required technical studies.
- Assess and supervise the implementation of IAFPs sub-projects.
- Develop and maintain relations with OMAID's governmental & private sector stakeholders (IDLG, MUDL, Municipalities, ACCI, ACMI, ICC, and AWCCI) to ensure better performance of their respective responsibilities.
- Any other activity related to planning, implementation, management, monitoring of IAFPs, not specified within the above scope of services.

## **B. DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS**

- The assignment is for 1-year renewable depending on satisfaction and performance.
- The Consultant will report to the Project Manager and will work also closely with the General Directorate for Industrial Parks.

## **C. CONSULTANT PROFILE AND COMPETENCIES**

This position requires technical breadth and depth to devise food industrial park solutions and carry-out dialogue with various stakeholders, a combination of integrative skills, strong operational experience, sensitivity to the political economy of the country, and strong communication skills. The candidate should have:

- At least bachelor's degree (preference would be given to masters), in industrial management, economics, or related field.
- At least 5 years of work experience in related field.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in project planning, implementation and monitoring (including finance Management).
- Demonstrated ability to lead discussions at the highest policy levels.
- Demonstrated achievement of results – through building a culture that delivers high-quality products and services to clients.
- Demonstrated leadership in team work and inclusion to support collaboration and working across boundaries.
- Demonstrated attention to detail and quality assurance.
- Strong conceptual skills demonstrated by evidence of similar projects undertaken elsewhere.
- Complete fluency in the English language, including demonstrated excellent English report writing skills.