**Request for Expressions of Interest**

Russian Federation

Preservation and Promotion of Cultural Heritage Project

*Consulting Services*

*Technical Assistance to Sub-Projects Implementation**under the*

*Sub-Component 1a «Rehabilitation and improvement of cultural heritage sites and institutions» of the Preservation and Promotion of Cultural Heritage Project*

Loan No. 7999-RU

Expressions of Interest September 26, 2011

This request for expressions of interest follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in *Development Business* No. 774 of May 16, 2010.

The Russian Federation has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) toward the cost of [Preservation and Promotion of Cultural Heritage Project](http://web.worldbank.org/external/projects/main?pagePK=64283627&piPK=73230&theSitePK=305600&menuPK=305631&Projectid=P120219), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the Contract CH-1/2(c) «*Technical Assistance to Sub-Projects Implementation under the**Sub-Component 1a «Rehabilitation and improvement of cultural heritage sites and institutions» of the Preservation and Promotion of Cultural Heritage Project*. This contract will be jointly financed by the Russian Federation.

The goal of the Project is to preserve cultural heritage and use it as a resource for economic and social development in four regions of the Russian Federation: Leningrad, Novgorod, Pskov, and Tver oblasts.

The main objectives of the Project are as follows:

* support conservation, safekeeping and promotion of cultural heritage assets in four oblasts of the Russian Federation;
* strengthen regional capacity for cultural heritage management to contribute to the socio-economic development of the four oblasts.

Consultants’ services shall include the following:

* Provide consultations and assistance on issues of sub-project implementation;
* Carry out studies related to a comprehensive analysis of the effects and impacts of the sub-projects;
* Carry out exercises and studies related to analysis and revision of development and management plans for cultural heritage sites and cultural institutions;
* Follow up risks identified during preparation of the sub-project and identify risks that may occur during implementation;
* Render assistance in preparation of the required reports and opinions in accordance with requirements for the sub-project progress monitoring and evaluation and PDO monitoring.

Services shall be provided within a period of 4.5 years.

St. Petersburg Foundation for Investment projects (FISP) acting on behalf of the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation now invites eligible consultants (legal entities) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments; experience in similar conditions; availability of appropriate skills among staff to be proposed for the assignment, etc.). To enhance consultants’ qualifications they may form associations, for example, in a form of particular partnership, with or without establishing a legal entity and having legal capacity to exercise entrepreneurial activity.

Please note, that:

* government-owned enterprises or institutions may participate in the selection only if they can establish that they are (i) legally and financially autonomous; (ii) operate under commercial law, and (iii) are not dependent agencies of the Borrower;
* In case of a group of companies only experience of firms proposed for undertaking the assignment will be considered.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the [World Bank Guidelines](http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/PROJECTS/PROCUREMENT/0,,contentMDK:20060656~menuPK:84282~pagePK:84269~piPK:60001558~theSitePK:84266,00.html): Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, May 2004 (revised October 2006 and May 2010).

Interested consultants may obtain further information from St. Petersburg Foundation for Investment Projects (address below) on working days from 10.00 to 17.00 hours. Draft Terms of Reference for the assignment is posted on FISP web-site at the following address: <http://www.fisp.spb.ru/r/cultural_heritage_tenders_tz/>.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below not later than October 21, 2011.

The Client reserves the right not to consider Expressions of Interest delivered to the Client later than October 21, 2011.

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