**Request for Expressions of Interest**

Russian Federation

Preservation and Promotion of Cultural Heritage Project

### Consulting Services

*Designer Services for restoration of the "Church of the Annunciation at Gorodische " and "White (Alekseevskaya) Tower of Roundabout City" cultural heritage sites in the Novgorod Oblast*

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 CHLW-6-7(d) for preparation of design and technical part of bidding documents for restoration of the "Church of the Annunciation at Gorodische"and the "White (Alekseevskaya) Tower of Roundabout City" cultural heritage sites in the city of Novgorod. This contract will be jointly financed by the Russian Federation.

Consultants’ services shall include the following:

* Conducting all necessary surveys, explorations and other preliminary works required for preparation of “Stage D” design documents;
* preparation of “Stage D” design documents and obtaining their approval from corresponding State control and supervision agencies, organizations and departments;
* preparation of technical part of bidding documents conforming to the approved “Stage D” design documents, current regulations, requirements and guidelines set out in the latest editions of the IBRD standard documents.

Services shall be provided within a period of 10 months.

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, and, in particular, experience in performing the General Designer functions, experience in preparation of design documents for reconstruction/restoration of museums, exhibition halls, cultural heritage sites; 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-invest-projects/>.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below not later than October 17, 2011.

The Client reserves the right not to consider Expressions of Interest delivered to the Client later than October 17, 2011.

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