**SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE # 1 - 2022**

**Skilling Up Lebanon Project (SUL)**

# Consulting Services

# Request for Expressions of Interest

Beirut Digital District, Talent Development Hub is implementing the “**Skilling Up Lebanon Project” (SUL)** funded through a grant by the World Bank (IBRD). BDD intends to apply part of the proceeds of the grant to payments under a contract to be signed with a consultancy firm for the following service:

**Financial Audit for SUL Project**

The service includes carrying out of Financial Audit for SUL project financial statements over one period as follows:

\* Period: Starting November 01, 2021, and ending November 31, 2022.

In addition to any disbursements to be made during the grace period as per the ToR.

The Beirut Digital District, Talent Development Hub 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, including (a) a brief description of the firm indicating the size (No. of employees), staff (Quality of staff), sectors of activities; (b) a brief list of similar assignments (Preferable projects with international donors) during the last three years. The information should clearly indicate a narrative description of the assignment, and contact details of the client. The shortlisting criteria are:

Firm Size and Experience 25%

Expertise of Key Staff 25%

Sector of Activities 15%

Similar Assignments, preferably funded by international donors 35%

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14-3.17 of the World Bank’s Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting, and Consulting Services (dated November 2020), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultancy firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting, and Consulting Services (dated November 2020). The selection method will be Least Cost Selection (LCS). The Firm will be contracted by BDD under the SUL project.

The RFP is expected to be issued in September 2022. Interested eligible Consultants for the assignment may obtain further information from SUL at the address given below. The deadline for submitting the Expressions of Interest **is on or before August 29, 2022,** **@ 14:00 hrs.** - Beirut Time. Expression of interest and companies profiles should be submitted electronically to the following email address:

Beirut Digital District

Nassif El Yazaji Street – Bachoura, Beirut, Lebanon

Att.: Mr. Saad Abdallah – Procurement Specialist

**Email: saad@forwardmena.org**