**THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

**REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**CONSULTING SERVICES FOR**

**HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT (HTA) STUDY ON**

**RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS**

**Country:** TheRepublic of Turkey

**Project Name:** Health System Strengthening and Support Project

**Loan No:** 8531 -TR

**Assignment Title:** Consulting Services For Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Study On Rheumatoid Arthritis

**Reference No:** SAGEM/2016/CS/E.6.1.2.2.a.4/CQS/1

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**Deadline for Submission of Applications:** 12 January 2017– 18.00 hrs. (local time)

The Republic of Turkey has received a loan from the World Bank toward the cost of the Health System Strengthening and Support Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the Loan for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the following: Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Study On Rheumatoid Arthritis by applying Health Technology Assessment (HTA) method and producing full reports. The duration of contract is approximately 18 months. Detailed Terms of Reference are attached.

The General Directorate of Health Research, Ministry of Health, Republic of Turkey now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consulting Firms”) to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consulting Firms should provide information and documents demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Such information and documents should be provided in the form of a dossier including brochures, focusing on the Consulting Firm’s general and assignment-specific experience and assignments/works completed over the last five years.

The shortlisting criteria are as follows: (i) The Consultants shall have experience in conducting national or international studies (reports, reviews, analyses, scientific publications) in any one of the following areas: health technology assessment, health economics pharmacoeconomics and cost-effectiveness analyses or economic analyses regarding health over the last five years; (ii). The Consultants must have the personnel and administrative capacity to carry out similar projects.

The attention of interested Consulting Firms is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s ***“Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers”*** (“Consultant Guidelines”) *which is published in January 2011 and revised in October 2014*, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on “conflict of interest”.

Consulting Firms may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. In case of a joint venture (JV), all members of the JV will be evaluated jointly for the purpose of short-listing and shall be jointly and severally liable for the assignment and shall sign the contract jointly in case of award is made to that JV. Interested consulting firms should clearly indicate the structure of their “association” and the duties of the partners and sub-consultants in their application. Unclear expression of interest in terms of “in association with” and/or “in affiliation with” may not be considered for short listing.

A Consulting Firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures of **“Selection Based on the Consultants’ Qualifications (CQS)”** set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Interested Consulting Firms can obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 09.00 to 18.00 of local time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form, in English or Turkish, including the contact address and numbers of the Consulting Firm, quoting the reference number and name of the contract (*SAGEM/2016/CS/E.6.1.2.2.a.4/CQS/1 – Consulting Services For Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Study On Rheumatoid Arthritis* to the address below **in person or by mail or by e-mail or by facsimile by January 12, 2017** at 18.00 hours local time:

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