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**SHORT-TERM CONSULTANCY OPPORTUNITY**

Animal Husbandry Consultant

Safety and Quality Investment in Livestock (USDA Food for Progress SQIL)

Tbilisi, Georgia

**Background:** Land O'Lakes’ Venture37 is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit helping communities around the world build economies by strengthening agriculture from farm-to-fork, helping businesses grow, and linking farmers to markets. Since our start in 1981, we have been leveraging nearly 100 years of expertise in dairy, animal nutrition, crop inputs and agricultural insights from our close affiliate, Land O’Lakes, Inc., a farmer-owned agribusiness committed to fulfilling its purpose of feeding human progress. Our team is made up of nearly 350 employees who are committed to market-led approaches, and passionate about collaborating locally to create lasting inclusive economic growth. By unlocking the potential of agriculture for the last 36 years, the lives of more than 3 million people have been transformed through nearly 300 programs in more than 80 countries.

**Project Description:** The Safety and Quality Investment in Livestock (SQIL) project is an eight-year demand-driven project funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that will improve food safety and quality along Georgia’s dairy and beef value chains. From farm-to-fork, the SQIL project aims to reduce losses, improve food safety and quality, boost competitiveness, productivity and trade within the Georgian dairy and beef market systems. The project achieves these goals through an integrated approach of expanding market access, improving sanitary standards, strengthening postharvest handling and storage, increasing productivity, improving access to finance, and promoting regulatory reforms.

**Purpose and Objectives of the Assignment:** The Animal Husbandry Consultant will work directly with the SQIL project’s *Improving Productivity* *Team* to assist in the implementation of technical assistance for private sector enterprises engaged in the dairy and beef sectors. The Animal Husbandry Consultant will work part time (no more than 4 days per week) with the project and provides administrative and technical support to ensure that activities implemented by the SQIL project’s *Improving Productivity Team* are on schedule and impactful.

**Consultant Tasks:** The Consultant is expected to complete the following task:

* Provide administrative support and logistical arrangements for technical assistance and training activities. This will include tasks such as organizing training venues, contacting participants, translating materials, etc.
* Support the SQIL project to organize, record, and maintain proper records of technical assistance activities, deliverables, and impact in accordance with internal Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) practices and provide inputs into donor reporting.
* Work closely with international consultants during their field missions or remote consultations, supporting logistics and providing translation as needed.
* Support the implementation of SQIL project work plan activities including:
  + Establishment of beef feedlots in cooperation with Nutrimax.
  + Organizing in-country study tours and demonstration days at SQIL partner dairy and beef farms.
  + Raising farmers’ awareness on the benefits of improved dairy genetics.
  + Monitoring the implementation of small-scale milking parlors by Roqi.
  + Organizing awareness raising activities with Nutrimax and Credo on new financial product for beef farmers.
  + Strengthening private sector veterinary service delivery and organizing capacity building programs for private veterinarians.
* Prepare and review technical materials to improve farmers’ understanding of good animal husbandry practices.
* Support the SQIL project in the dissemination of educational materials to stakeholders.

**Deliverables:** Under this scope of work, the consultant is expected to complete the following deliverables:

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| **Deliverable** | **Deliverable description/specifications** | **Target Completion Date** |
| **Monthly report and timesheet** | Monthly report and timesheet explaining what was accomplished during the previous month. | **Accompanying each expense report** |
| **At least three (3) farm demonstration days organized.** | Participant sheet(s), visit agendas, and brief activity write-up with photos. | **December 31, 2025** |
| **Completed final grant reports for two (2) beef feedlots.** | Grantee final reports. | **December 31, 2025** |
| **Final report** | Final report that lists out all activities conducted during the Consultancy. | **January 30, 2026** |

**Required Skills and Qualifications**: The ideal candidate will present the following skills and qualifications:

* University degree in Veterinary medicine or related field.
* Prior experience working on an agricultural development project.
* Demonstrated experience implementing activities of similar scope.
* Ability to provide translation between English to Georgian and Georgian to English with a clear understanding of technical terms of animal health, farm management, and animal husbandry in both languages.
* Ability to travel outside of Tbilisi, including overnight.
* Independent, motivated worker with a strong attention to detail and a collaborative attitude.
* Ability to start immediately.

**Evaluation Criteria:** All complete applications received will be evaluated against the following criteria:

* Professional and educational experience in relation to the Consultant Tasks requested by the Scope of Work and the Required Skills and Qualifications (80%)
* Availability to start immediately (20%)

Proposed costs by the Consultant shall be reasonable and compared with historical rates for similar services procured by the project.

**Duration of Assignment:** The Consultancy is expected to last through January 30, 2026 with a maximum level of effort of 70 days.

**Application Instructions:** Interested and qualified applicants should submit their CV, expected daily rate (gross), and date of availability to Merab Chkhartishvili, [Mchkhartishvili@landolakes.com](mailto:Mchkhartishvili@landolakes.com), by September 12, 2025.