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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

ALBANIA WATER RESOURCES AND IRRIGATION PROJECT

Assignment Title

“Monitoring & Evaluation Consultancy end Project Survey, Final for Component 3 and Interim for Component 1, 2 and 4”

(Ref. No. WRIP/CS/CQ/006)

(as per Procurement Plan)

Project ID: No.: P121186
IBRD Loan: No.: 8211 – AL
Grant: No.: TF014255

This Request for Expressions of Interest (REoIs) follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in *Development Business* online on May 25, 2010 and the GPN Update published on December 20, 2012, DB Reference No. WB5260-12/12.

The Government of Albania has received financing in the amount of EUR 34.4 million equivalents from the World Bank toward the cost of the Water Resources and Irrigation Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds for Consulting Services.

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MoARD) seeks engagement of a qualified company to carry out the Consulting Services (“*the Services*”) for the “*Monitoring & Evaluation Consultancy end Project Survey Final for Component 3 and Interim for Component 1, 2 and 4*” (Ref. No. WRIP/CS/CQ/006).

Main Goal of this Assignment

The Consulting Services will be carried out by a qualified Consultant Company with the objective to assist the MoARD for the Project evaluation and Beneficiaries Survey as an essential requirement at the Project’s closure.

An Additional Financing (AF) is proposed with the purpose to scale up the now successful WRIP and include additional investments and activities. Since only Components 1, 2 and 4 will receive AF, the *Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) end Project survey will be carried out Final for the Component 3 almost completed and Interim for ongoing Component 1, 2 & 4.* The Consultant Company that will be hired will carry out the assessment of the Project outcomes and of the institutions concerned and on that basis the likelihood of sustaining the Project results. To assess the above comprehensively, the Consultant will also design and conduct a Beneficiary Survey. This will allow to: i) validate results, ii) measure changes as a result of project interventions, and iii) assess the perceived impact of project investments from the perspective of project beneficiaries. The final analysis should identify/document lessons learned and provide recommendations that the Project partners and stakeholders might use to improve the design and implementation of other related projects and programs.

The conclusions and the recommendations of the Consultancy Services will be, also, a useful basis for the preparation of the Implementation Completion Report (ICR) of the “Water Resources and Irrigation Project” (WRIP).

Specific tasks

It is expected that the Consultant will undertake the tasks which comprise this assignment within the duration of the assignment as specified in the respective Terms of Reference (ToRs). It is also expected that the Consultant Company to be available to start shortly after the contract signing and make all possible efforts for timely completion of the services.

The Scope of Work of the Consultancy Services shall comprise, but not necessarily be limited to the following tasks.

- (i) *Situation analysis, strategy and methodology to be used for the Consultancy Services;*
- (ii) *Design and carry out of a Beneficiary Survey;*
- (iii) *Assessment of the impact of the Project results and outputs;*
- (iv) *Record of lessons learned, challenges, successes, positive or negative experiences;*

Key Qualifications

The tasks under the Consulting Services for the “*Monitoring & Evaluation Consultancy end Project Survey Final for Component 3 and Interim for Component 1, 2 and 4*” will be undertaken by a Consultant Company, qualified and experienced in the Evaluation of Project outcomes and Beneficiaries Survey, with proven good records of accomplishment. High degree of flexibility and ability to meet strict deadlines will be required.

The Key staff of Consultant Company proposed for these services comprises of:

- ✓ **Team Leader/Liaison Expert;**
- ✓ **Surveyor (1);**
- ✓ **Surveyor (2);**

The Team Leader of the Consultant Company will be responsible for the overall quality and consistency of all reports and documents produced and delivered.

Timing

It is envisaged that the implementation period for the required Consulting Services will be 4.5 months.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MoARD) now invites eligible Consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experiences to perform the Services (*Documents showing Legal status of the Consultant, core business and years in business; Consultant organization: professional and managerial and its capacities; Adequacy for the assignment: description of similar assignments, even in the region; list the projects name and scope, contract value, implementation’s time and source of financing; Experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, familiarity in conducting Project’s Impact Assessment and Beneficiary Surveys of the World Bank’ projects; brochures, etc.*).

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a Joint Venture or a Sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

The shortlisting criteria are:

- ✓ Core Business of the Consultant, organization and its capacities (in case of the JV Core Business of Lead Company and its associates, as well as, organization and their capacities);
- ✓ Adequacy for the assignment: extensive experience in the Evaluation of Project outcomes and Beneficiaries Survey;
- ✓ Sound experience working with National and Local Governments and Albanian Institutions;

- ✓ Proven experience in developing proper questionnaire, conducting focus groups/interviews and providing quantitative and qualitative assessment;
- ✓ Experience in similar projects in the region and in Albania and familiarity in conducting Project's Impact Assessment and Beneficiary Survey of the World Bank' projects;

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: *Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers* ("Consultant Guidelines"), January 2011, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consulting Firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers* (January 2011), based on the "Consultant's Qualifications" selection method (CQS).

Interested Consultants may obtain further information concerning the Terms of Reference (ToRs) at MoARD' website: www.bujqesia.gov.al or to the address below during office hours 08:00 am - 16:30 hours (Monday to Thursday) and 08.00am - 14.00 on Friday (Local time):

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Expressions of Interest (EoIs) must be delivered no later than **December 26, 2017 (Tuesday)**; hardcopy (in person or by mail) to the address below, within office hours, and electronically at the above e-mail address.

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (Protocol office)

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