

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FORESTRY AND WATER MANAGEMENT

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Republic of Serbia

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management – Directorate for Water Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program

Loan No.: 9128YF

Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for Supervision of Works

Reference No.: SER-SDIP-QCBS-CS-21-09

The Republic of Serbia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program (SDIP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include services for supervision of works and goods packages for rehabilitation of the flood protection structures and drainage control systems in the Republic of Serbia. The objective of the assignment is to provide full administration of the contracts, monitor the construction works and certify payments – fulfilling the roles of the Project Manager/Engineer. It is the responsibility of the consultant to provide services which support the quality, cost and time control conditions of contract – acting on behalf of the employer to help ensure that the works are carried out in full compliance with the contract, applicable laws of the Republic of Serbia and in accordance with applicable World Bank's policies and procedures. The proposed rehabilitation and reconstruction works focus on damaged and critical sections including flood protection dikes/levees and retention systems, cleaning and restoration of drainage canals, and possible refurbishment of pump stations. The proposed investment concentrate on areas known to be vulnerable and affected by flooding, in order to reduce the risk of future flooding and further devastating, social and economical impacts. Works will contribute to operational improvement of flood protection system and thus enable improved protection of human settlements and key economic activities from impacts of flooding along the Sava and Drina rivers. Contract duration is 45 months.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced consulting services is posted on the website of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management – Directorate for Water at https://www.rdvode.gov.rs/aktuelno.php

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management – Directorate for Water 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. The shortlisting criteria are:

- 1. The Consultant firm must be a legal entity;
- 2. Core business and years in business;
- 3. Technical and managerial capability of the firm;
- 4. Specific experience relevant to the assignment in the past ten years (supervision of works in the fields of environment and water sector).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.15, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers – Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services (July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018) ("the Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly weather the association is in a form of a joint venture (JV) or subconsultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Furthermore, Expressions of Interest of JVs will be evaluated based on the composition of JV submitted, whereas the experience of other firms not included in the JV will not be considered in the evaluation. The experience of any proposed sub-consultancy shall not be included in the evaluation. Key Expert's CVs are not required and will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection method set out in the Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 14:00 hours.

Expressions of interest in English language must be delivered in a written form to the email address below not later than **December 23, 2021,** 12:00 hours, noon, local time.

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