

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION**

Republic of Serbia

Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program (SDIP)

Project ID No. P168862

Assignment Title:

**DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION FOR THE PROTECTION
OF SJENICA AGAINST HIGH WATERS OF THE GRABOVICA RIVER AND ITS
TRIBUTARIES**

Reference No. SER-SDIP-QCBS-CS-24-39

The Republic of Serbia has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) (“World Bank”) towards the cost of the Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program, Phase I project, and intends to apply part of proceeds for consultancy services.

The main goal of the technical documentation for the Grabovica River is the establishing of a complete system of protection against floods, erosion and torrents. As part of the technical solutions in question, it is necessary to form a continuous and uniform level of littoral zone protection, especially considering the level of protection that has already been established on the downstream, regulated section, which is located in the central part of the municipality of Sjenica.

The degree of protection shall be determined in accordance with the Water Management Master Plan of the Republic of Serbia and the "Strategy of Water Management in the Territory of the Republic of Serbia until 2034." (Official Gazette of the RS, no. 3/2017).

The design solution shall foresee the regulation of the Grabovica river and water land ensuring the water and sediment flow and the stability of the river bed and banks. This implies the formation of regulatory lines, securing endangered banks and stabilizing the bottom of the river bed. Within the borders of the flood zones, design shall provide for the arrangement of water land, through the leveling of the terrain and cleaning of sediment and excess vegetation.

The consulting services (“the Services”) are divided into 6 Tasks:

- **Task 1: Investigation works;**
- **Task 2: Conceptual design (Idejno resenje - IDR);**
- **Task 3: Feasibility Study with Preliminary design (IP)**
- **Task 4: Expropriation design;**
- **Task 5: Construction Permit design (PGD)**
- **Task 6: Detail design (PZI)**

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced Services is posted on the website of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (MAFWM)/Republic Directorate for Water at:

<https://rdvode.gov.rs/poslovi/nabavke/projekat-integrisanog-razvoja-koridora-save-i-drine/> .

The Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) of the Ministry of Finance 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.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with QCBS (Quality-and Cost-Based Selection) method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018). The Client intends to shortlist up to eight eligible firms to whom a subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP), both technical and financial, shall be sent. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. 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.

Profile of the Consultant:

The Consultant will be a company or a Joint Venture of companies with relevant previous project experience in providing similar services related to the tasks specified in these ToR and similar investment Projects using procedures and policies of the International Financial Institutions, notably the World Bank, EBRD, EIB.

The Consultant must provide independent, impartial technical, cost, strategic, management, financial, and legal advice. As such, the Consultant will not be permitted to have a commercial interest in any other contracts or agreements related to the Project.

Qualification requirements of the Consultant:

1. Possession of license P080G3 - for hydro technical projects for regulation works to protect urban areas and rural areas larger than 300 ha from floods is mandatory. The license can be provided from one of JV members, but not from the Sub-Contractor.
2. Possession of license for geodetic works. The license can be provided from one of JV members, but not from the Sub-Contractor
3. Possession of the following standards:
 - ISO 9001;2015 – Quality management system,
 - ISO 14001;2015 – Environmental management systems,
 - ISO 45001;2018 – Occupational health and safety management systems
 - ISO/IEC 17025:2017; General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories
4. Have extensive experience in the field of services mentioned above. The required experience should be demonstrated by reference in last 5 years for each item as follows:
 - At least 1 (one) Feasibility Study with Preliminary design of settlement protection from high water (minimum value of the contract 250,000.00 Euros) in last 5 years;
 - At least 2 (two) Design for construction permit of protection against high water by embankments with obtained construction permit in last 5 years;
 - At least 1 (one) Design for construction permit for river regulation with obtained construction permit in last 5 years;
 - At least 2 (two) hydrological study on the watercourse of the first order in last 5 years.

Only Consultants that meet the qualification requirements will be considered for the shortlist. The evaluation criteria to establish the shortlist are:

- Core business and years in business (20 points)
- Past experience in similar assignments (80 points)

Details of the referenced assignments would include the total contract(s) value and service(s) value, location(s), number of staff involved in the contract(s)/service(s), name and contact details of the Employer(s), name of partners for contract(s) execution, source(s) of financing, type of services provided, period of services provided contract(s), a brief description of the contract(s)/service(s), contract completion date.

Submitted expressions of interest should be no larger than 30 pages of text, including reference forms.

CVs of proposed staff will not be evaluated during the shortlisting phase.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 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.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of interest in English language must be delivered in a written form to the email below, by **June 30, 2026, 12:00 hours, noon, local time.**

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