REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consulting services – Individual Consultant

**ROMANIA**

**Rural** **Pollution Prevention and Reduction Project**

Loan No.: 9505-RO

**Assignment Title:** Behavioral science specialist

**Reference No**. (as per Procurement Plan): 04/IC/2024

The Government of Romania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Rural Pollution Prevention and Reduction Project (RAPID Project), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include specialized consultancy services of an Individual Consultant – Behavioral science specialist to contribute to and facilitate stakeholders’ identification and engagement to ensure that the awareness campaign and knowledge transfer activities lead to behavioral changes. The duration of the contract is until end of April 2028, or any other period mutually agreed by the parties, as may be necessary. The total input under the assignment is estimated at 1,632 working hours (at an average of 2 hours per day during 48 months, considering 17 working days per month). The contract will include a probationary period of 30 days, after which it may be terminated through a notification issued by the Client. The consultant is expected to commence performance of the services within maximum 10 working days after contract signing.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.

The Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests – Rural Pollution Prevention and Reduction Project, now invites eligible individual consultants (“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. **Qualifications – 15 p**
2. Bachelor degree/Master degree in a social / behavioral / anthropology field or in any other relevant field.
3. **Work Experience, scored against the application documents -70 p**
4. At least 10 years’ experience in social sciences/behavioral changes;
5. At least 5 years of specific experience in identification and/or promotion of social inclusion activities and/or good practices;
6. Proven experience in rural social studies/implementing social projects involving rural communities on topics related to agriculture or environmental protection will be considered an advantage.
7. **Other skills, scored against the application documents – 15 p**
8. Experience in implementing projects on social behavior of farmers will be a strong advantage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, 3.17 and 3.21 to 3.24 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016, revised November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest and Eligibility.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from Monday to Thursday 8:00 to 16:30 hours and Friday 08:00 to 14:00 hours.

Expressions of interest and CVs must be submitted in a written form, **in English language**, (by e-mail, in person, or by mail) to the address below by 14th of March 2024, 13:30 local time.

**Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests – Rural Pollution Prevention and Reduction Project**

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