

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### ROMANIA

#### INTEGRATED NUTRIENT POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT

#### Consultancy Services for Preparation of the Impact Assessment for the Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control Project – 32/CQ/2015

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The Government of Romania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control Project. The overall development objective of the Project is to support the Government of Romania to meet the EU Nitrates Directive requirements by reducing nutrient discharges to water bodies, promoting behavioral change at the communal level and strengthening institutional and regulatory capacity.

The implementing agency of the Project, the Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests (MoEWF), through the INPC Project Management Unit (INPC-PMU) (the Employer) intends to use a part of the Project's funds for the preparation of the Impact Assessment for the "Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control Project".

The objectives of the present assignment will be to undertake and prepare an intermediate **impact assessment and lessons learnt report regarding the Project interventions and investments**, which would be the basis for the Borrower Implementation Completion and Results Report (Borrower ICR).

The Project impact assessment will be conducted as a systematic analysis of the lasting and significant changes (intended or not, positive or negative), at environmental, social and economical levels, brought about by the Project investments, actions and interventions.

The Project impact assessment will be designed as to meet its purpose of ex-post evaluation of the Project results, and will clearly bring out the lessons learnt to be used for future intervention in this area and to determine what are the most suitable interventions/approaches/methods/implementation arrangements for replication and scale-up. Consequently, the assignment will have two key objectives:

- a) Providing impact assessment of the supported interventions ,PDO and intermediate outcome indicators.;
- b) Developing a good understanding of the lessons learnt to be considered in the design of the new interventions and policies.

The Consultant will be a consultancy company, research institute, university, NGO or joint ventures of various types of potential suppliers with the following profile and experience:

- Experience in conducting project impact assessments – minimum 3 projects;
- Experience in elaboration of studies in the field of environment, agro-environment, agriculture and rural development consultancy, of at least 5 years;
- Have previous experiences in collecting data at local, basin and national level, working with various stakeholders, including farmers, dealing with authorities at local and central level;
- Experience in studies for World Bank projects is an advantage.

The Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services.

The Expressions of Interest must provide information indicating that the Consulting firm is qualified to perform the above mentioned services, respectively:

- general information: core business and years in business, address, contacts, number and country of registration; presentation of services provided, references;
- specific information on the consulting firm experience in the field of the assignment: experience in conducting project impact assessments; experience in elaboration of studies in the field of environment, agro-environment, agriculture and rural development consultancy; experiences in collecting data at national level, working with various stakeholders, including farmers; experience in studies for World Bank projects.
- information regarding the availability of appropriate specialized staff for the assignment: description of the team proposed to carry out the assignment, qualifications and expertise of key staff, years of professional expertise.

*Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. The “association” may take the form of a Joint Venture or a sub consultancy. In case of a Joint Venture (JV), all members of the JV will be evaluated jointly for the purpose of short listing and shall be jointly and severally liable for the assignment and shall sign the contract in case of award is made to that JV group. Interested consultants should clearly indicate the structure of their “association” and the duties of the partners and sub consultants in their application. Unclear expression of interests in terms of “in association with” and/or “in affiliation with” and etc. may not be considered for short listing. Keeping one expression of interest per firm as principle, a consultant firm may decide whether it wishes to participate as a sub consultant or as an individual consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. Please note that a firm shall submit only one EOI in the same selection process either individually as a consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. No firm can be a sub consultant while submitting an EOI individually or as a partner of a joint venture in the same selection process. A firm, if acting in the capacity of sub consultant in any consultant or JV, may participate in more than one consultant, but only in the capacity of a sub consultant.”*

The Consulting firm will be selected using CQ method (Quality based Selection) in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank’s [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers](#), May 2004.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours, from Monday to Thursday - 09<sup>00</sup> to 16<sup>00</sup> hours and Friday - 09<sup>00</sup> to 14<sup>00</sup> hours.

Expressions of interest must be written in English language and have to be delivered to the address below by **August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 16<sup>00</sup> hours, local time**. Expressions of Interest received by e-mail are accepted.

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