## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTANCY SERVICES - INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

## ROMANIA INTEGRATED NUTRIENT POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT Assignment Title: Agriculture Expert Loan No.4873-RO TF No.058040-RO Project ID No. P093775 Reference no. 09/IC/2016

The Government of Romania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. 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 consulting services ("the Services") cover the Agricultural expertise within a period of 150 days. The Terms of Reference for Agriculture Expert are annexed to this Request for Expressions of Interest.

The Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests - Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control Project Management Unit 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.

One individual consultant 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, May 2004. Firms are not allowed to propose individual consultants.

## Qualification for the *Agriculture Expert*

The minimum qualifications requested from the Consultant are the following:

- Academic education in agriculture, environmental protection or another relevant ancillary area;
- At least 15 years of relevant working experience;
- At least 10 years of academic background or specialized experience in agricultural practices and environment protection domains in Romania or internationally;
- Experience in elaborating, implementing and monitoring training programs in the field of good agricultural practices and/or environmental protection in the agriculture field;
- Proven experience in application in Romania or at European countries level of the EU Nitrate Directive provisions;
- Experience in EU Funds and programs preparation and implementation, particularly in preparation and implementation of National Program for Rural Development (PNDR);
- Sound knowledge and working experience with World Bank's procedures is desirable;

- Advanced PC skills and sound knowledge of the MS Office package: MS Word, Excel, Outlook, Power Point and MS Project;
- Good capacity to communicate with people with different backgrounds and positions, as well as with local and national authorities taking into account the nature of the activities;
- Excellent command of spoken and written English is a must;
- Strong analytical skills, oral and written communication skills;
- Strong communication and reporting skills and ability to work in multidisciplinary teams.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, May 2004. ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from Monday to Thursday -  $9^{00}$  to  $16^{00}$  hours and Friday -  $9^{00}$  to  $14^{00}$  hours.

Expressions of interest and CVs, in English, must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 2 P.M., local time. To validate the information presented in the CV, the candidate will attach all supporting documents (study diploma, recommendations, language certificates, training diploma, etc.).

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