REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**Consultancy services for**

**supporting the digitalization activities of the RAPID Project**

**IT Expert (Individual Consultant)**

**ROMANIA**

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

Loan No.: 9505-RO

**Assignment Title: Consultancy services for supporting the digitalization activities of the RAPID Project - IT Expert (Individual Consultant)**

**Reference No**. (as per Procurement Plan): **01/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 *IT Individual Consultant* to strengthen the PMU capacity on implementation the RAPID Project digitalization activities.

The duration of the contract is until 31st March 2028 (three months until the current closing date of RAPID Project), or any subsequent date, as agreed in writing by the Parties through a contract amendment. The total input under the assignment is estimated at 800 working-days, equal to 6,400 working-hours (considering an average of 17 working days per month). The contract will include a probationary period of 3 months, after which it may be terminated through a simple notification issued by the Client, without further details. The input duration/working day may range between 0 – 12 working-hours, including during weekends or official holidays, as agreed between the Consultant and the Client, and depending on Consultants availability and Client’s workload dictated by the projects’ activities. The consultant is expected to commence performance of the services preferably within 5 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.

The expert must be either a person authorized under the Law no. 300/2004 regarding the authorization of individual persons and family associations to carry out independent activities or to act under a limited liability company or another form of organization that enables him/her to issue invoices for the services provided. In any of the cases, the Consultant should be aware that the services will be provided only by the selected Individual Consultant and no substitution of any individual who was initially selected will be permitted.

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 – 20 p**

i. At least the following qualifications: Bachelor degree/Master degree in a technical field / legal sciences or public administration.

1. **Work Experience, scored against the application documents - 60 p**

ii. At least 5 years’ experience in the development of large-scale/enterprise-level IT systems and hardware infrastructure for private and/or public institutions, including among others, demonstrated experience in:

* Preparation of technical specifications on development / updating of IT systems and databases,
* Business analysis, software development and testing of large-scale/enterprise-level IT software;
* Experience in preparation of technical specifications for IT hardware / procurement of IT hardware;
* Previous software architecture experience would be an advantage.

Experience or at least familiarity with GIS systems, Internet of Things (IoT) devices would be a significant advantage.

1. **Other skills, scored against the application documents and info therein – 20 p**

iii. Experience in providing technical project/program management, including monitoring and reporting for the implementation of projects/programs is an advantage.

iv. Experience in the development of IT systems and/or hardware infrastructure for public institutions is an advantage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 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.

An Individual 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 must be delivered in a written form to the address below (by e-mail, in person, or by mail) by February 26, 2024, 13:30 local time.

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