REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consulting services – Individual Consultant

**ROMANIA**

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

Loan No.: 9505-RO

**Assignment Title:** Procurement Expert

**Reference No**. (as per Procurement Plan): 02/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 – Procurement Expert to contribute to and facilitate the development and implementation of PMU’s Procurement function in accordance with established procurement procedures. The duration of the contract is until 31st March 2028, or any other period mutually agreed by the parties. The initial total input under the present assignment is planned to be and it is estimated at 49 months of contract duration x 4 hours/day x 17 days/month = 3.332 working hours. Consultant’s monthly average input will be about 68 working-hours. Even if the input is foreseen as a part time, the input per working day can normally range between 0-8 hours/day depending on the working schedule agreed between the Client and the Consultant and as per the workload dictated by project’s activities. The monthly work-schedule may also include time periods with full-time input (8 hours/working-day) and time periods with higher or lower than the 8 hours/working day time-input, and also weekends and/or national holidays, if so agreed between the parties. The consultant is expected to commence performance of the services within maximum one week 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**

i. Academic education, preferably in one of the following areas: public administration, business administration, economics, engineering, legal sciences or another relevant ancillary area.

1. **Work Experience, scored against the application documents -70 p**

ii. At least 10 years of working experience;

iii. At least 5 years of practical experience in the public procurement area;

iv. Proficient knowledge and understanding of the principles governing public procurement;

v. Knowledge and working experience with World Bank’s procurement procedures, procurement regulation as well as with Romanian public procurement legislation;

vi. Knowledge and working experience with other International Financing Institutions and/or with Grants schemes, would be an advantage

1. **Other skills, scored against the application documents – 15 p**

vii. Advanced PC skills and sound knowledge of the MS Office package: MS Word, Excel, Outlook, Power Point and of MS Project;

viii. Excellent command of spoken and written Romanian and English is a must;

ix. Integrity, Proactive, Strong communication and reporting skills and ability to work in multidisciplinary teams.

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 February 29, 2024, 13:30 local time.

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

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