**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT**

**ROMANIA**

**INTEGRATED NUTRIENT POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT – ADDITIONAL FINANCING**

**Assignment Title: Project Management Expert - management consultancy for program implementation (1 individual consultant)**

**Loan No. 8597 RO**

**Reference no. 12/IC/2023**

The *Government of Romania* has receivedfinancing from the World Bank toward the cost of the *Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control Project-Additional Financing* and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. Also, Romania subsequently signed, in April 2023, a Loan agreement with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to support the implementation of the RAPID Project.

Under the present assignment, The Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests (MEWF) (the Client), through the Project Management Unit (PMU) responsible for the implementation of Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control Project seeks contracting specialized consultancy services of an ***Individual Consultant- Project Management Expert - management consultancy for program implementation***, to develop an efficient internal management control mechanism of the Rural Pollution Prevention and Reduction Project (RAPID) Project through the elaboration of the Project Operational Manual (POM).

The total days input of the Consultant is estimated at 50 man-days to be performed within a period of engagement of about 4 (four) months, with deliverables planned to be submitted until October 31st, 2023 and with a duration of the contract which cannot go beyond 31st of December 2023 (the closing date of the INPCP-AF Project, wherefrom the contract will be financed). The consultant is expected to start performance of the services immediately after contract signing.

The Terms of Reference for the ***Individual Consultant- Project Management Expert* and the Project Operational Manual for INPCP-AF project (for guidance purpose)** 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. The Individual consultant- ***Project Management Expert*** will be selected on the basis of her/his relevant experience, qualifications, and capability to carry out the assignment.

One individual consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the *World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011, revised July 2014* for Individual Consultants method. Firms are not allowed to propose individual consultants but the contract with the Individual Consultant could be signed with his/her owned firm.

In order to be able to charge the Client for the activities performed under these terms of reference, the expert must be either a person authorized under the Law **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 n**o substitution of any individual who was initially selected will be permitted**.**

**The qualifications and experience required:**

The minimum qualifications requested from the Consultant are the following:

* Master of business administration degree or equivalent, preferably in the following areas: management, public administration, business administration, economics, agriculture, environment or another relevant ancillary area;
* Relevant academic education and training in project management;
* At least 10 years of relevant working experience;
* At least 7 years of practical experience in project management area in Romania or internationally;
* Experience in strategic planning, advisory and program/project management services, in project risk assessment and mitigation, preferable on areas like environment, agriculture or rural development;
* Relevant experience in public administration, proven experience working with Government, international organizations and donors;
* Sound knowledge and working experience with World Bank’s procedures;
* Advanced PC skills and sound knowledge of the MS Office package: Word, Excel, Outlook, Power Point;
* Good capacity to communicate with people with different backgrounds and positions, as well as with local and national authorities;
* Excellent command of spoken and written English is a must;
* Strong sense of integrity is essential;
* Strong analytical skills, oral and written communication skills;
* 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 under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011, revised July 2014*. (“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 - ***900*** to ***1600*** hours and Friday – ***900*** to ***1400*** 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 3rd of July, 11:30 local time.** To validate the information presented in the CV, the candidate will attach all the relevant supporting documents (studies diploma(s), recommendations, language certificates, training diplomas, certifications etc.).

**Ministry of Environment Waters and Forests**

Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control Project Management Unit

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