

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

ROMANIA

INTEGRATED NUTRIENT POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT

Consultancy services for strengthening the institutional capacity of Romanian Authorities to control the compliance interventions for the EU Nitrate Directive implementation

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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 (INPCP). 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.

Part of the proceeds of the Project will be allocated to finance consultancy services for strengthening the capacity of Romania's institutions responsible with the monitor/control/enforcement under the EU Directive 91/676/CEE - Nitrates Directive, by developing/updating specific control procedures and by organizing and carrying out of a series of two-day training courses in 8 development regions of Romania regarding the provisions and application of these procedures.

In order to achieve the above mentioned objective, the Consultant shall be responsible for the following phased tasks:

Phase 1 – Developing/updating the control/enforcement procedures on Nitrates Directive (four months);

Phase 2 – organize and carry out 8 sessions of two-day training courses (one session in each of the 8 development regions of Romania) regarding the provisions of the approved and control procedures (four months)

The duration of the assignment is estimated to 8 (eight) months: 4 (four) months for accomplishing phase 1 of the consulting services, 4 (four) months for the delivery of the training courses, – this period does not include the necessary time between Phase 1 and Phase 2 for the respective institutions to approve the final procedures by administrative decisions.

The Consultant should be a consultancy company, an education institution, a research and development institute or a combination thereof, with proven experience in planning, advisory and program/project management services with focus on environment, agriculture and rural sector development areas. The consultants should also have training experience in the field of environment, soil and water protection and good agricultural practices, with a plus for direct experience in the EU Nitrates Directive implementation.

The Consultant should demonstrate a relevant general professional experience of minimum 10 years, and a proven experience of at least two similar types of assignments involving the up-dating of the legislation, elaborating procedures for the implementation of the legislation and training activities regarding environmental/soil & water protection against nutrients pollution from agricultural practices.

It is recommended that the Consultant provide a team of trainers with proven practical experience in the above mentioned areas.

- Team leader having experience in coordinating projects at national/international level in the field of environment/water protection and nutrient management, and with experience in at least 2 similar projects successfully completed in the EU region.
- At least one (1) international expert in developing environmental/agricultural legislations with experience in at least 3 similar projects successfully completed in the EU region;
- At least two (2) experts in environmental and agricultural policies legislation having experience of at least 5 years in working with Nitrates Directive or Water Framework Directive in Romania; one of these 2 experts should also have experience in EU Funds and programs preparation and implementation, in particular with experience in the preparation and implementation of PNDR.
- At least one (1) expert in agriculture and manure management having experience of at least 5 years in manure management practice, also in techniques regarding the use of organic fertilizers;
- Four (4) trainers in environmental issues with at least 10 years experience in water and land pollution, manure management, waste management practices, sanitation, wastewater management, environment and waters permitting and inspection, environmentally sound agricultural practices; the experts should also have experience in conducting training programs.

The Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing services related to **Consultancy services for strengthening the institutional capacity of Romanian Authorities to monitor and control the compliance interventions for the EU Nitrate Directive implementation.**

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 - 25 pct;
- specific information: description of previous similar projects proving the experience in similar types of assignments, involving: experience in planning, advisory and program/project management services with focus on environment, agriculture and rural sector development areas; experience in updating of the legislation, elaborating procedures for the implementation of the legislation and training activities regarding environmental/soil & water protection against nutrients pollution from agricultural practices- 40 pct;
- 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 - 35 pct.

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” 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 Expression of Interest 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 attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.11 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, edition May 2004* ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on eligibility.

The Consulting firm will be selected using CQS method (Selection Based on Consultant Qualifications) 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 - **9⁰⁰** to **16⁰⁰** hours and Friday – **9⁰⁰** to **14⁰⁰** hours.

Expressions of interest have to be delivered to the address below, in English or Romanian, by **March 23^{ed}, 2016, 10⁰⁰ hours, local time**. Expressions of Interest received by e-mail address are accepted.

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