

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

### **ROMANIA**

#### **INTEGRATED NUTRIENT POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT**

#### **Consulting services for the second Mid-term and Final Impact Evaluation of the Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control (INPC) Project, Romania 08/LCS/2014**

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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. 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 implementing agency of the Project, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoECC), through the INPC Project Management Unit (INPC-PMU) (the Employer) intends to use a part of the Project's funds for organizing a series of surveys, aiming to measure the Project's outcomes and impact, with a special focus on behavioral changes expected to be induced by project's components.

During the life of the project four surveys were supposed to be carried out: (i) a baseline survey that was completed in 2008, (ii) first mid-term survey that was completed in 2012 (iii) second mid-term survey to be carried out by beginning of 2014, and (iii) a final survey to be carried out in 2015, at the completion of the project.

The present assignment aims:

- to evaluate the mid-term impact of the Project interventions on individual households, agricultural companies and farms, as well as the local administrations in all the project localities by repeating the survey conducted for the first mid-term survey and comparing the results with previous surveys ( baseline survey and first mid-term survey)
- to evaluate the final impact of the Project interventions on individual households, agricultural companies and farms, as well as the local administrations in all the project localities by repeating the survey conducted for the second mid-term survey and comparing the results with previous surveys ( baseline survey and mid-term surveys)

The research methodology, including the sampling design and main indicators will be provided to the Consultant by the INPC-PMU. The Consultant, however, will be required to revisit the methodology before conducting both surveys in order to accommodate the eventual changes in demography (sample households and companies may have left the area and project activities (additional activities may require a new set of indicators; canceled activities may invalidate the necessity of some indicators).

The assignment will be carried out by a consulting firm specialized in social and market research having:

1. previous experience in working with large samples (volumes higher than 5000 cases).
2. previous experiences in collecting data at national level.

3. its own network of fieldwork research operators.

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services.

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;
- specific information on the consulting firm experience in the field of the assignment: number of years of professional experience in collecting data activities at national level, description of previous similar projects as objective and extension;
- 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.

*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” and 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 EOI 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 Consulting firm will be selected using LCS method (Least Cost Selection) 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 - 09<sup>00</sup> to 16<sup>00</sup> hours and Friday - 09<sup>00</sup> to 14<sup>00</sup> hours.

Expressions of interest must be written in English language and have to be delivered to the address below by **March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 12<sup>00</sup> hours, local time**. Expressions of Interest received by e-mail are accepted.

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