

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

### **CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION**

**Republic of Serbia**

**Local Infrastructure and Institutional Development Project (LIID)**

**Project ID No. P174251**

#### **Assignment Title:**

**Technical assistance and capacity building trainings and CoPs for green cities, engineering, procurement, environmental aware design, contract management**

**Reference No. SER-LIID-QCBS-CS-24-34**

The Republic of Serbia has received financing in the amount of US\$ 300 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and Development and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) toward the cost of the Local Infrastructure and Institutional Development Project (LIID), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for consulting services to be procured under this project.

#### **Objective of the Assignment**

Key objectives of the Consultant's assignment are:

- To assess and enhance the capacities of LSGs in the areas of green cities planning, engineering, procurement, environmental aware design, and contract management, thereby improving their performance in managing public investments within the scope of sustainable development.
- To identify gaps in skills and knowledge among key municipal personnel responsible for project management, develop and deliver targeted training curricula, and establish Communities of Practice (CoPs) for ongoing peer learning and sharing of best practices.
- To facilitate access to both international and local financing for green city projects by providing strategic recommendations for capacity building, aligned with the requirements of international and local financiers, and fostering an understanding of financial mechanisms and opportunities among the municipalities.

#### **Scope of Work**

Within this assignment, the Consultant shall perform the following tasks:

- Initial analysis
- Capacity assessment and identification of gaps
- Development of the Training Programme
- Delivery of Trainings
- Establishment of Communities of Practice (CoPs)
- Development and Implementation of Tools
- Progress and Status Reporting

The indicative duration of implementation services is 18 calendar months.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced consulting services is posted on the website of the Ministry of Construction, Transportation and Infrastructure (MCTI) <https://www.mgsi.gov.rs/cir/dokumenti/javni-konkursi>

The Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible consulting firms ("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 following shortlisting criteria will be applied to all consulting firms (individual company or joint venture overall) that have submitted EoI:

1. **Criterion:** Proven experience in green financing and the preparation or implementation of infrastructure projects within the public sector, including Local Self-Governments (LSGs).

**Scoring:** The Consultant may be awarded **up to 40 points** based on the substance and relevance of their project references (projects focused on financing green initiatives, sustainable infrastructure, or climate-resilient investments, financing by International Financial Institutions, multi-stakeholder coordination, large budgets, etc.).

2. **Criterion:** Proven experience in the development of toolsets, technical requirements, and/or software solutions tailored specifically for use by LSGs. This includes experience in IT system integration support and advisory services.

**Scoring:** The Consultant may be awarded **up to 30 points** based on the substance and relevance of their project references (scope, budget, etc.).

3. **Criterion:** Proven experience in policy analysis and dialogue facilitation, or event and training organization or capacity building, which should include gap analysis and the delivery of training sessions.

**Scoring:** The Consultant may be awarded **up to 30 points** based on the substance and relevance of their project references (scope and complexity, multi-stakeholder coordination, international partnership, etc.).

The total maximum score that can be awarded to a Consultant is 100 points, based on the cumulative evaluation of all criteria.

As a proof, the Consultant firm shall prepare a table listing following information: name of the relevant assignments, year of contract's implementation, information on contract value, percentage carried out by Consultant in case of association of firms and short description of main activities, contracting entity/client, country/region, contact reference (name, e-mail, phone number).

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

The experience and record of any proposed sub-consultancy shall not be included in the evaluation. Key Experts' CV are not required and will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) as set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016, revised November 2017,

August 2018 and November 2020). The Ministry of Construction, Transportation and Infrastructure (MoCTI), who is the Client, intends to shortlist up to eight eligible firms to whom a subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP), both technical and financial, shall be sent.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers – Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services (July 2016, revised November 2017, August 2018 and November 2020) ("the Regulations") setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of interest in English language must be delivered in a written form to the email below, by 28<sup>th</sup> of February, 2025, 12:00 hours, noon, local time.

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