

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy

AGRICULTURE MODERNIZATION PROJECT

Loan No.: 9037 - MK

Assignment Title: Consulting company for Preparation of the Main Project Design, Environmental and Social Management Documents and Supervision of civil works for Refurbishment of the interior and exterior of the building for the Agency for Financial Support of Agriculture and Rural Development

Reference No. AMP/CS/CQS-SC2.2-1

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy of the Republic of North Macedonia (MAFWE) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Agriculture Modernization Project (AMP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Project aims to improve competitiveness in targeted agricultural sub-sectors and strengthen agricultural public sector readiness for EU accession.

The objective of the assignment is the Consultant to provide consulting services for:

- ❖ Preparation of full technical documentation with design review in accordance with national legislation for execution of civil engineering refurbishment works, including, but not limited to: full technical specifications with interior design included, drawings, bill of quantities and cost estimate;
- ❖ Preparation of appropriate documentation regarding national and World Bank environmental and social requirements;
- ❖ Act as “Engineer” as defined in respective WB General Conditions of Contract for Large/Small Works and to ensure that: (i) works, materials, equipment and workmanship are in compliance with the required standards, (ii) works are planned in an orderly manner and completed in due time, (iii) the recommendations of the ESMPs are properly followed during the Project implementation, (iv) the works are performed in accordance with safety procedures and the safety of all participants in the Project, as well as of third parties is raised to the highest possible level;

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced consulting services is posted on the MAFWE’s web site at:

<https://www.mzsv.gov.mk/Events.aspx?IdRoot=1&IdLanguage=1&News=2978>

MAFWE 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.

In order to determinate the capability and experience of the consultants seeking to be short listed, the information submitted shall include the following:

- At least 10 (ten) years of relevant experience;
- License B for preparation of technical design/technical documentation issued by the Ministry of Transport and Connections of the Republic of North Macedonia;
- License B for supervision of category II of buildings issued by the Ministry of Transport and Connections of the Republic of North Macedonia;
- At least 7 (seven) years of relevant proven experience in preparation of technical design/technical documentation and supervision of construction works by providing evidence on at least 2 (two) relevant projects of nature and degree of complexity comparable to the works in this ToR i.e., at 1 (one) in preparation of technical design/technical documentation and 1 (one) in supervision of constructions works.
- Proven experience with refurbishment of offices within financial institutions like: banks, insurance companies, will be considered an advantage;

The credibility of mentioned experience shall be presented in a list of at least 2 (two) similar project references within last 7 (seven) years with description of services provided (including information on contract value, contracting entity/client, project location/country, duration, assignment budget, percentage carried out by consultant in case of association of firms or subcontracting and main activities) and accompanied by certificates of orderly fulfilment of the contracts verified by other party from such contracts. Similar nature and scope of the assignments are those that had similar activities and goals, while similar value are the assignments that were of the similar contractual size, not necessarily of the identical scope and nature.

(i) A proof that the Consultant’s key personnel will include at least the following key experts available for the full duration of the assignment:

- A. Team Leader for technical design;
- B. Team Leader for supervision of works;
- C. Mechanical Engineer;
- D. Electrical Engineer (high-voltage);
- E. Electrical Engineer (low-voltage);
- F. Engineer – fire protection system;
- G. Engineer for energy efficiency measures;
- H. Environmental and Social Safeguard Specialist;

Note: Experts mentioned above on positions A, B, C and D must be full-time employees of the Consultant with all requested qualifications, including experience in supervision of refurbishment, and have adequate logistic means.

The other experts, E, F, G and H, could be consultants or not fully-employed by the consulting company, but should comply with the requirements as outlined in the Terms of Reference.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14 of the World Bank's [Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing \(IPF\) Borrowers – Procurement in IPF of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services](#), issued in July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 (“Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy 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 expression of interests. No firm can be a sub consultant while submitting an expression of interests 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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants’ Qualifications method set out in the [Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing \(IPF\) Borrowers – Procurement in IPF of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services](#), (Regulations) issued in July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 10:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the both addresses stated below (in person, by mail or by e-mail) by **Monday, June 12th, 2023**.

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