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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND WATER ECONOMY AGRICULTURE MODERNIZATION PROJECT (AMP)

Loan No.: 9037-MK

Assignment Title: Procurement Specialist

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): AMP/IC/3-2-3

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy (MAFWE) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Agriculture Modernization Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The Project is under restructuring and the initial closing date will be extended.

The consulting services ("the Services") include coordination and implementation of the procurement activities under the AMP. The Consultant shall be responsible for the efficient and timely procurement of all packages foreseen under the project including goods, works and technical services and selection of consultant services agreed in the project procurement plan and required for the implementation of the AMP. The procurement of goods, works, non-consulting and consulting services under the AMP shall follow the applicable World Bank procurement and selection procedures (The World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Regulations); Procurement in Investment Project Financing: Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, issued in July 2016, revised in November 2017 and August 2018¹).

The Procurement Consultant shall perform the tasks within this scope of services, ensuring that the relevant objectives are achieved within the time schedule and costs specified in the project documents. The Procurement Consultant shall work with a multidisciplinary team of civil servants, full-time and part-time consultants appointed or hired to complete particular tasks within the project. He/she shall observe the "Anti-Corruption Guidelines (the "Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants", dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011 and as of July 1, 2016.)

The Procurement consultant is expected to work full time. The contract will be for an initial period of 3 months and based on satisfactory performance of the incumbent's duties and

¹ https://ppfdocuments.azureedge.net/083b3f94-a932-4395-a410-834f8bc14f8c.pdf

responsibilities and business need of the MAFWE, the contract will be extended until June 30, 2025. The place of provision of services is the location of MAFWE.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) is posted on the website of the AMP at the following address: https://amp.mk/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/terms-of-reference_procurement-specialist-april-2025-rev.pdf

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information (curriculum vitae and references in English language only) demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- University degree or equivalent in engineering, economics, management, Law or Business Administration or Procurement Management, or any other relevant professional area;
- Minimum 7 years of working experience after attainment of the university degree;
- Minimum of 5 years of professional experience in procurement. Experience in procurement under World Bank projects or other international organizations (e.g. EU Prague rules, UNDP, EBRD etc.) would be considered as strong advantage;
- Experience in works Contract Management will be considered as an advantage;
- Experience in working with government bodies is an advantage;
- Experience in all or either of the areas of procurement of goods, works and/or technical services; consulting services;
- Proficiency in legal terminology related to contracting;
- Excellent command of spoken and written English language;
- Computer skills, including word processing and spreadsheets.

Evaluation grid for the position:

Evaluated expertise	Points
Qualifications and Skills	20
University degree or equivalent in engineering, economics,	
management, Law or Business Administration or Procurement	max 12
Management, or any other relevant professional area;	
Excellent command of spoken and written English language	max 6
	max 2
General Professional Experience	30
Minimum 7 years of working experience after attainment of the	max 30
university degree;	
Specific Professional Experience	50
Minimum of 5 years of professional experience in procurement	max 15

Experience in all or either of the areas of procurement of goods,	max 15
works and/or technical services; consulting services;	
Proficiency in legal terminology related to contracting	max 5
Experience in FIDIC Contract Management will be considered	max 5
as an advantage;	
Experience in procurement under World Bank projects or other	max 5
international organizations (e.g. EU Prague rules, UNDP,	
EBRD etc.) would be considered as strong advantage	
Experience in working with government bodies is an	max 5
advantage;	
Total	100
Experience in procurement under World Bank projects or other international organizations (e.g. EU Prague rules, UNDP, EBRD etc.) would be considered as strong advantage Experience in working with government bodies is an advantage;	max 5

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours: 10:00 to 16:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the email address below by Wednesday, April 22nd, 2025.

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy Attn: Mr. Perica Ivanoski, Project Director

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