**Republic of Serbia**

**Serbia Agriculture Competitive Project (SCAP)**

**Loan No.: 9023 -YF**

**Assignment Title:** Creation of MAFWM ICT strategy

**Reference No**.: SER-SCAP-CQS-CS-21-18

The Republic of Serbia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Serbia Agriculture Competitive Project (SCAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include development of ICT Strategy and Roadmap of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water management (hereinafter: MAFWM). A long-term implementation plan for development of ICT should be accompanied by a business model that considers all aspects and presents options for long-term sustainability.

The ICT Strategic directions with belonging policy options will be part of the final Draft MAFWM Strategy in the form of an annex. To guide the implementation, under this task, a concise document needed for successful and sustainable ICT introduction will be developed and implemented through the following five (5) subtasks:

1. Inception Phase

2. Needs assessment

3. ICT vision and priority interventions

4. Roadmap for adoption of ICT standards and Directives for priority ICT services

5. ICT strategy and Action plan.

Contract duration: 7 months.

The following criteria will be applied to all consulting firms that have submitted their expression of interest:

* The Consulting firm must be a legal entity.
* The number of staff dedicated to the completion of the assignment is at least 4 key experts (either from an individual company or joint venture together).
* The consultant has more than 5 years of experience in development programs and consulting services in carrying out integration of digital technologies in all spheres of business including: Analysis of Legal Framework, ICT business analysis, assessment of current state of ICT, formulating strategic directions and alternatives on development, process improvements and business workflow automatization.
* The consultant (individual company or joint venture together) has implemented and successfully completed, during the last five years, at least 2 (two) contracts that include any of the following tasks: ICT business analysis, assessment of current state of ICT, preparation of functional/technical documents, formulating strategic directions and alternatives on development.
* The Consultant should demonstrate proven experience in international cooperation projects, with emphasis on the digitalization and improvement of the strategic planning process and reporting and in the Public Sector Area Projects.

To substantiate the above qualifications, the Consultant must prepare a table containing the following information: project title or relevant assignment; description of the work performed; year of project implementation; country/region; client’s contact (first and last name, e-mail address, telephone number); and contract value (contract as proof of performance).

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 Consultant is expected to establish a core team that shall consist of the following key experts, with the qualifications and skills defined in the Terms of References:

* Team Lead (1 position)
* Legal and Business Process Expert (1 position)
* Information and Communications Technology Senior Expert (2 positions)

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: <http://www.minpolj.gov.rs/category/javni-pozivi/javni-pozivi-u-2021-godini/>.

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with Consultant`s Qualifications Based Selection (CQS) as set out in the **World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers – Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, World, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018** (“the Regulations”). The Consultant that obtains the highest score during evaluation of expressions of interest will be invited to submit technical and financial proposals.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the Regulations setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

The MAFWM now invites eligible 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.

Expressions of interest in English language must be delivered in a written form to the **e-mail** below by **November 5, 2021, 12:00 hrs,** noon, local time.

When submitting Expressions of interest please indicate assignment and reference number for which you are applying.

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