REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

**Republic of Serbia**

**Serbia Agriculture Competitive Project (SCAP)**

Project ID No.: P167634

**Assignment Title:**

**Study on early warning system and anti-hail infrastructure development as a climate risk related mitigation measure**

Reference No.: SER-SCAP-CQS-CS-23-48

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 main objective of this project task is to define the roadmap for improving the agri-climate infrastructure in selected regions of Serbia by establishing more efficient and effective anti-hail protection.

**Scope of Services**

**The Consultant/Firm shall:**

- Develop an implementation plan as a document outlining how a project/study elaboration will be carried out with proposal of activities, methods of implementation and draft structure of Study Report. The proposal must contain a detailed plan for involving relevant stakeholders (e.g. external consultants, relevant Ministries representatives, other relevant national institutions, and other parties who are directly or indirectly interested as well as the concept and questionnaire for surveying agriculture producers opinions on anti-hail protection.

* Desk analysis/overview of legal, strategic, and policy frameworks - national and local laws and regulations related to agriculture, disaster risk management, and environmental protection, policies and strategies developed at the national level (Government, ministries, national institutions and agencies) or by non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders related to anti-hail protection.
* Survey of agriculture producers attitudes on anti-hail protection comprises the collecting data on a range of factors that might influence their attitudes towards these measure (knowledge and awareness, attitudes and perceptions, previous experience, costs and availability of technical support, etc.).
* Implement semi-structured interviews with relevant stakeholders (assessing current measures from the perspective of efficiency and effectiveness, accessibility and affordability to small-scale farmers, modernization, etc.).
* Collect and analyse the statistical and other relevant data on hailstorms and damages from hailstorms.
* Identify and present in the Report new/modern technologies and methods in anti-hail protection as well as recommend the most feasible option for modernization of anti-hail protection in Serbia.
* Identify and discuss goals of anti-hail protection as part of anti-climate change infrastructure in Serbia.
* Prepare a draft Study Report for addressing recommendations on key findings and consult on the draft Report SCAP PMT
* Finalization of Study Report and integration of revisions proposed by PMT.

Contract duration: 90 days

**Required consultant’s (company) qualifications**

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

* Shall be registered as a legal entity.
* Appropriate professional, organizational and logistical capacities necessary for carrying out the assignment on the territory of the Republic of Serbia.
* Experience in project management, donor cooperation, application of consultative processes and multistakeholder approach.
* Specific experience in the following thematic areas: agriculture, disaster and risk management, circular economy, climate change, technical assistance to government and local self-government bodies.
* Experience of participating/provision of consultations in at least three projects related to functional analysis of public administration/local self-government bodies, capital investment planning and surveys of citizens’ opinions/attitudes.

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); and contract value (contract as proof of performance may be required).

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:

• Key expert 1 – Team leader

• Key expert 2 - Expert for anti-hail protection and disaster risk management

• Key expert 3 - Expert for economy and analysis/surveys

Expressions of interest will be evaluated by applying the following criteria with allocated points:

Specific experience of of the firm– 40 points

Qualifications of Key Experts – 60 points

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced assignment is posted on the website of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (MAFWM): <http://www.minpolj.gov.rs/category/javni-pozivi/javni-pozivi-u-2023-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 Central Fiduciary Unit of the Ministry of Finance 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 **June 1, 2023, 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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