REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

**Country:** The Republic ofSerbia

**Name of Project:** Strengthening agriculture sector capacities for evidence-based policy making

**Grant No.:** TF0B1676

**Assignment Title:** Development of Serbian Agricultural Information and Reporting Platform

**Reference No**.: SER-GA-QCBS-CS-22-13

The Republic of Serbia has received a financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/International Development Association (“World Bank”), acting as administrator of grant funds provided by Japan (“Donor”) under the Policy and Human Resources Development Fund toward the cost of the Strengthening agriculture sector capacities for evidence-based policy making project (PHRD Grant) in the amount of USD 1,800,000, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include procurement of software development services in order to establish **Serbian Agricultural Information and Reporting Platform-SAIRP**, necessary to strengthen the M&E capacity and systems of the MAFWM and its decentralized services for evidence-based strategic planning in agriculture and rural development. Government ownership of the evidence-based policy process is viewed as an important outcome of grant support, along with better prioritization of programs and beneficiaries, and sector impact. Project will improve capacity of the MAFWM to optimize government expenditure by ensuring that resources, both domestic and external (EU grant financing), are directed to the most effective policies and programs and improve service delivery and the outcomes of public programs and investments, focused on implementation of the ongoing IPARD program.

SAIRP should be developed as a tailor made software platform for M&E, modular, extendable and customizable for the MAFWM to provide reports to meet the different needs of users. General purpose of the software platform is to track performance against the strategic plan, possibility to change or monitor several strategies (at least two, EU and Serbian). Specifically, the platform will support the recent Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) reform towards results-based programmingwhich requires that future member states have the capacity to formulate indicators and monitor results. Moreover, the Integrated Planning Monitoring Evaluation & Learning (PMEL) framework of the strategic plan will be developed aiming to track performances. Therefore, the SAIRP should keep track of the implementation of objectives and the indicator performances throughout the life of the strategic plan and provide reports according to specific reporting needs and periods. In addition, provide details of performance of every indicator and objective based on group of indicators.

The software system SAIRP will comprise of: Module for strategic planning (including sub-module for visualization of Agriculture and Rural Development Strategy, sub-module for linking result indicators and specific objectives, and sub-module for objectives impact and result indicators) and Module for indicator import.

Contract duration: up to 8 months.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the above referenced consulting services can be found at the following website:[*http://www.minpolj.gov.rs/javni-pozivi/javni-pozivi-u-2022-godini/*](http://www.minpolj.gov.rs/javni-pozivi/javni-pozivi-u-2022-godini/)*.*

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Water Management 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 be shortlisted, the Consulting firm must fulfill, at the minimum, the following requirements:

a) The Consultant firm must be a legal entity;

b) The Consultant firm must prove its capability by listing its experience in previous five (5) years (May 2017- May 2022) related to:

* Experience in IT projects in Public Sector – minimum 3 projects (development of software for public sector entity)

Advantage: experience in Serbia in software development projects in public sector (one, two or three projects additionally, in three projects stated above as mandatory)

* Experience in data portal development and/or business intelligence and/or data warehouse projects - at least one project successfully executed

Advantage: additionally, one or two project successfully executed, data portal development and/or business intelligence and/or data warehouse projects in public sector institutions, in Serbia

* Delivering training to public sector entities for usage of software solution – at least one project

Advantage: training delivered for data portals and/or business intelligence platforms, in Serbia, for public sector institutions, within software development project – one or two trainings

* Engagement on Public sector Projects financed by International Financial Institutions (IFIs)/ Donors – minimum one projects
* Project management and backstopping capacity that will secure successful execution of services.

As proof, the Consultant must prepare the table with the following data: project title or the relevant assignment, description of conducted works, year in which the project was implemented, country/region, contact person by the client’s side (name, email, telephone number) and contract value.

The following shortlisting criteria will be applied for the evaluation of Expressions of Interests:

• General experience – 30 points

• Specific experience related to the consulting assignment – 40 points

• General qualifications and number of key staff – 30 points (this is only to confirm the availability of key staff by the Consultant as they will not be evaluated at this stage)

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 – Procurement in Investment Project Financing for Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016, revised November 2017*** and ***August 2018*** (“the Regulations”) setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

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 (JV) 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. Furthermore, Expressions of interest of JVs will be evaluated based on the composition of JV submitted, whereas the experience of other firms not included in the JV will not be considered in the evaluation. The experience 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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09.00 to 1500 hours.

Expressions of interest in **English language** must be delivered in a written form to the **email** below, by **August 1, 2022, 12:00 hours, noon, local time.**

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