

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

[ROMANIA]

INTEGRATED NUTRIENT POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT – ADDITIONAL FINANCING
Loan No.: 8.597 RO

Assignment Title: Consultancy services - Technical Assistance for the evaluation of the Concept Notes and Full Proposals received under the Calls launched within the Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control Project (INPCP) - Additional Financing (AF)

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): 01-QCBS-2017

Romania *has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **INTEGRATED NUTRIENT POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT-ADDITIONAL FINANCING**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include **Technical Assistance for the evaluation of the Concept Notes and Full Proposals received under the Calls launched within the INPCP**. Over the duration of the INPCP implementation time period, namely until May 2022, it is estimated that there will be launched three calls. Detailed information is provided in the related terms of references published on <http://apepaduri.gov.ro>

The implementing agency of the Project, the **Ministry of Waters and Forests** 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.

The short-listing criteria are:

- **general qualifications - 30 points**

Consultants will provide information on the following: core business and years in business, address, contacts, number and country of registration; presentation of services provided, references; In the context of the assignment's ToRs, summarize the relevant technical and financial qualifications of your firm/association/joint-venture;

- **specific experience - 40 points**

Consultants will provide information on the consulting experience in the field of the assignment: Technical assistance and evaluations of applications under similar financing schemes, similar projects, experience in similar conditions;

Indicate up to 10 reference projects from the past 5 years that the firm/association/joint venture considers that are relevant. Outline the country /regional experience of the firm/association/joint venture.

- **availability of appropriate specialized staff - 30 points**

Consultants will provide information regarding the availability of appropriate specialized staff for the assignment; Indicate number of employed staff and freelance collaboration experts and their general and specific qualifications and experience;

Consultants may associate 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 Interest in the same selection process either individually as a consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. No firm can be a sub consultant while submitting an EOI 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.

The relative strengths and weaknesses of the Expressions of Interest of the Consultants will be examined to identify the best six candidates. A short-list will be prepared in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2.6, 2.7 and 2.8 of the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 revised July 2014* (“Consultant Guidelines”).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the provisions of **Quality and Cost-Based Selection** method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours Monday-Thursday from 09:00 to 17:00 hours and Friday from 09:00-13:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **August 08th 2017**.

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