

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

[ROMANIA]

INTEGRATED NUTRIENT POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT – ADDITIONAL FINANCING

Loan No.: **8.597 RO**

Assignment Title: Consulting services for the revision of the “Code of good agricultural practices for water protection against pollution with nitrates from agricultural sources” and of the “Action Program for the Water Protection against Pollution with Nitrates from Agricultural Sources”

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): 04/CQ/2018

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 **Consultancy services for the revision of the “Code of good agricultural practices for water protection against pollution with nitrates from agricultural sources” and of the “Action Program for the Water Protection against Pollution with Nitrates from Agricultural Sources”**. Detailed information, including duration of the assignment, is provided in the related Terms of References (ToRs) published on <http://apepaduri.gov.ro> and www.inpcp.ro. Please note that the answers to the clarifications will be published on <http://apepaduri.gov.ro> and www.inpcp.ro.

The implementing agency of the Project, the Ministry of Waters and Forests now invites eligible consulting firms or an association of such firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.11, 1.12 și 1.13 regarding the **Eligibility** from Guidelines Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits&Grants by World Bank Borrowers, *January 2011 revised July 2014.*

According to para 1.13 (b) The Consultants which are Government-owned enterprises or institutions of the Borrower’s country¹ may participate in the Borrower’s country only if they can establish that they (i) are legally and financially autonomous, (ii) operate under commercial law, and (iii) are not dependent agencies of the Borrower or Sub-Borrower². Excpetions from the provisions 1.13 (b) are the cases detailed in para 1.13 (c).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the Consultant Guidelines, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on Conflict of Interest.

The Expression of Interest must contain detailed information regarding the address, contact person, number and country of registration and information regarding the Consultant’s Profile as it is described within the Terms of References for **Consulting services for the revision of the “Code of good agricultural practices for water protection against pollution with**

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² To be eligible, a government-owned enterprise or institution shall establish to the Bank’s satisfaction, through all relevant documents, including its Charter and other information the Bank may request, that it: (i) is a legal entity separate from the government; (ii) does not currently receive any subsidies or budget support; (iii) operates like any commercial enterprise, and, inter alia, is not obliged to pass on its surplus to the government, can acquire rights and liabilities, borrow funds and be liable for repayment of its debts, and can be declared bankrupt; and (iv) is not bidding for a contract to be awarded by the department or agency of the government which under their applicable laws or regulations is the reporting or supervisory authority of the enterprise or has the ability to exercise influence or control over the enterprise or institution.

nitrates from agricultural sources” and of the “Action Program for the Water Protection against Pollution with Nitrates from Agricultural Sources”, as follows:

- General qualifications - 30 points

Consultants shall provide information on: core business and years in business, presentation of services provided which are relevant for this assignment, references.

- Specific experience - 40 points

Consultants shall provide relevant information and a presentation of the similar projects/assignments implemented by the Consultant, that are similar to this assignment, considering the specificity of the present assignment: at least 10 years of general experience in research/studies in the areas of manure management, and/or pollution control in agriculture, and/or management of soil and water quality; 5 years of specific experience and knowledge regarding: 1) the European and national environmental and agriculture legislation regarding nitrates pollution; 2) the elaboration of nation-wide methodologies/legislation/guidelines/monitoring on nitrates pollution control; proof of close collaboration with farmers and others stakeholders involved in agricultural activities would be an advantage.

- Availability of appropriate skills among staff - 30 points

Consultants shall provide relevant information regarding the availability of appropriate skills among their staff, as requested in the ToRs. Consultants shall provide relevant information regarding their Human Resources capacity, in terms of number of employed experts and/or freelance collaboration experts and their relevant skills, as necessary for implementing the requested services.

Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. The “association” may take the form of a Joint Venture and/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 members and sub consultants in their application. 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 member in a joint venture.

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”).

Only the selected firm shall be asked to submit a combined technical and financial proposal and, if such proposal is responsive and acceptable, be invited to negotiate a contract in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.7 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”).

Further information can be obtained in writing at the address below during office hours Monday-Thursday from 08:30 to 17:00 hours and Friday from 08:30-14:30 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by mail or by e-mail) by **March, 5th, 2018, 16:00 local time.**

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