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WATER RESOURCES AND IRRIGATION PROJECT

Project ID No.P121186

Loan No. 8211-AL

Announces

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
for individual consultancy services of

**“PREPARATION OF NATIONAL IRRIGATION
AND DRAINAGE STRATEGY”**

Proc. Ref. MAFCP/CS/010a (International Consultant)

This request for expressions of interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in Development Business online on May 25, 2010 and the GPN Update published on December 20, 2012, DB Reference No. WB5260-12/12.

The Government of Albania has received financing in the amount of EUR 31 million equivalent from the World Bank toward the cost of the Water Resources and Irrigation Project (WRIP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds for payment of individual consultancy services under this Project.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration (MARDWA) needs to engage one International Individual Expert.

Objective of the Assignment

The main objective of the assignment is to develop a strategy for: i) sustainable management of irrigation systems, harmonizing the roles and responsibilities of central government with the participation of Drainage Bords (DBs), local government units and Water Users organizations (WUOs); and ii) sustainable management of the drainage and flood protection systems by the central government and DBs, aiming at gradual increase of the role, responsibilities and contribution of the local stakeholders and beneficiaries (possibly including WUOs).

The Assignment will be developed by two experts, one international individual expert as a team leader, and another national consultant, working collaboratively as a team, with the relevant hands-on experience in the developing I&D strategy for Albania.

Scope of work

The scope of this assignment is to prepare the National Irrigation and Drainage Strategy and the Action Plan for its implementation.

These tasks should include but not be limited to:

- (i) Technical and Engineering Aspects;
- (ii) Institutional Aspects;
- (i) Financial and Financial Management Aspects;
- (ii) Capacity Building aspects

Qualification Requirement

The international consultant is required to have experience of facilitating similar strategy development processes in Albania or in similar environments.

The consultant (The Team Leader/Facilitator) shall have the following professional profile and experience:

- A senior consultant with a minimum of 15 years of work experience in water resources management and irrigation and drainage management (strongly preferred), or in related fields. .
- Academic post-graduate degree(s) in irrigation and drainage (preferred), or in related subjects such as water resources management, civil engineering, public/infrastructure policy/economics.
- Experience in studying/facilitating similar stakeholder-related processes in Albania and/or in similar countries.
- Fluency in spoken and written English.

Reporting and Duration

The Consultant will be directly reporting to the WRIP PMT in MARDWA. The duration of the contract to undertake these activities will be 5 months, with services to be provided in accordance with work plan agreed with MARDWA. The success of this arrangement will require that the Consultant works effectively with the local staff of the MARDWA and transfer additional skills and practices to them through on-the-job training.

The Consultant is expected to deliver an Inception Report, a draft Final Report and a Final Report according to agreed deadlines with the MARDWA. A first draft of the Irrigation and Drainage Strategy (draft Final Report) is expected to be delivered after 3 months from the commencement of the assignment. The Final Report shall be delivered within one month after approval and/or comments by MARDWA on draft Final Report.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers" dated January 2011 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment: Bank policy requires that consultants provide professional, objective, and impartial advice and at all times hold the client's interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and that in providing advice they avoid conflicts with other assignments and their own corporate interests. Consultants shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with

their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of being unable to carry out the assignment in the best interest of the Borrower.

The individual consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures for the selection of individual consultants set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers* (January 2011).

Interested consultants may obtain further information regarding the Terms of Reference at the website of MARDWA www.bujqesia.gov.al or at the address below, Monday-Friday, from 08:00 to 16:30 hours.

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Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form (in person, or by mail) to the below address:

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Blv . "Deshmoret e Kombit", Nr.2 , kp.1001
Tiranë, Shqipëri
Attn: Mr. Vojo Bregu
General Secretary

The right corner of the envelope must indicate the relevant position of interest. The deadline for receipt of submission is September, 04, 2014 at 12.00 noon (local time).