

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

ALBANIA

WATER RESOURCES IRRIGATION PROJECT ADDITIONAL FINANCING

Project ID: No.: P121186

IBRD Loan: No.: 8817 – AL

Assignment Title: “Monitoring & Evaluation Consultancy End Project Survey Final for Component 1, 2 & 4”

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): WRIP/4/CS//001-C

This Request for Expressions of Interest (RfEoI) follows the General Procurement Notice for Water Resources and Irrigation Project Additional Financing that was posted in *Development Business* online on September 12, 2018, DB Reference No. WB7526-09/18.

The Government of Albania has received an additional funding of US\$ 27 million equivalents from the World Bank toward the cost of the Water Resources and Irrigation Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds for Consulting Services. The Project closing date is on May 31, 2021.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

1. Background

The World Bank is assisting the Government of Albania (GoA) with the financing of the “Water Resources and Irrigation Project” (WRIP) with the objective to: (i) establish the strategic framework to manage water resources at the national level and at the level of the Drin-Buna and Semani River basins; and (ii) sustainably improve the performance of irrigation systems and irrigation institutions in the project area.

These Terms of Reference (ToRs) corresponds to Component 4 “Implementation Support” of the Project, specifically to Sub-component (b) “*Establishment of a Monitoring and Evaluation system*” and are tailored to the needs of MoARD to carry out the Project Evaluation at the end of the Project, as an essential requirement.

2. Description of WRIP Project

2.1 Project components

The Water Resources and Irrigation Project as originally designed and approved consists of the following components:

Component 1: Dam and Irrigation and Drainage System Rehabilitation

Component 2: Institutional Support for Irrigation and Drainage

Component 3: Institutional Support for Integrated Water Resources Management (this component is completed on May 31, 2020)

Component 4: Implementation Support

3. Timing

It is envisaged that the implementation period for the required consulting services will be **4.5 months** but no longer than 30 May 2021 which is the deadline of the WRIP. The minimum expected effort is **10.35 man months** for the entire team (Key Experts and non-Key Experts).

The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: <https://bujqesia.gov.al/kerkesa-per-shprehje-interesi-wrip-requests-for-expression-of-interest/> “Kërkesa për Shprehje Interesi WRIP/Request for Expression of Interest”: “**Monitoring & Evaluation Consultancy End Project Survey Final for Component 1, 2 & 4**” starting from **September 30, 2020**.

or to the address below:

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Project Manager

Water Resources and Irrigation Project

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

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(office hours 08:30 am – 14:00 hours (Monday to Thursday) and 08:30 am – 12:00 on Friday, local time).

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Albania 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 consulting firm should have the following minimum qualification requirements:

- at least 5 years of previous engagement in similar assignment (Monitoring & Evaluation Consultancy, Survey assignment, etc.)
- must have completed at least 2 similar contracts in the last 5 years (Monitoring & Evaluation Consultancy, Survey assignment, etc.)

The shortlisting criteria are:

- ✓ General Experience of the firm (Core Business and years in business of the Consultant, organizational capacities (in case of the JV Core Business of Lead Company and its associates, as well as, organization and their capacities) – max 20 points
- ✓ Adequacy for the assignment: similar experience with Monitoring & Evaluation Consultancy and Project Survey – max 40 points
- ✓ Experience working with Governments institutions in the areas similar to the assignment. Demonstrated experience in the Monitoring & Evaluation Consultancy and Project Survey is also required – max 30 points
- ✓ Availability of required personnel to carry out the assignment – max 10 points

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting 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” July 2016 (“Procurement 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 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.

The selection method to be applied is CQS – Consultant’s qualifications-based selection method, in accordance with the procedures for the selection set out in the World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services July 2016, Section VII. Approved Selection Methods: Consulting Services.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours:

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Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (**in person, or by mail or by e-mail**) by **October 16, 2020 at 12:00 local time**:

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (Protocol office)

Address: **Blv. "Dëshmorët e Kombit", No. 2, Tirana, Albania**

Attn: **Mr. Enea HOTI – General Secretary**

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