REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

(CONSULTING SERVICES)

Selection of Individual Consultant

CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT in Albania

**Project ID Number: No.: P178715**

**IBRD Loan Number:94890**

Assignment Title: “Selection of Project Manager of the Project Management Team (Ref. No.AL-MARD-389948-CS-INDV)”

The World Bank is assisting the Government of Albania (GoA) with the financing of the Climate Resilience and Agriculture Development project (CRAD). This project aims to increase competitiveness and climate resilience of priority agri-food value chains focusing on (i) promoting climate smart and resilient value chains, (ii) promoting typical products and value addition (iii) developing Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) IT Platform (iv) modernizing selected irrigation and drainage schemes for high-value agricultural production (v) enhancing compliance with food safety and quality standards and (vi) strengthening evidence-based decision making for resilience and sustainable agri-food systems.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is the lead implementation agency for this Project (MARD) and publishes this Request for Expression of Interest with the aim to select an individual consultant that will be in charge of day-to-day managing of the Project Management Team that will be responsible for day-to-day coordination and implementation of Project activities in the role of Project Manager.

The services required to be contracted aim to support MARD in ensuring successful implementation of the Project by developing and implementing project's procedures of initiation, planning, execution, regulation and closure as well as the guidance of the project team's operations towards achieving all the agreed upon goals within the set scope, time, quality and budget standards.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is seeking for local individual consultants to conduct the assignment who will meet the following qualifications:

* University Degree in Economic Sciences, Law, Engineering or equivalent professional qualifications appropriate to this assignment;
* At least 10 years of general working experience;
* At least 5 years of working experience as project manager/coordinator or similar positions, in particular in coordinating multi-disciplinary and/or multicultural teams of senior professionals; Previous experience in projects financed by international organizations will be an advantage.;
* Evidences on knowledge of the Albanian legal framework in the area of agriculture;
* Excellent command of spoken and written English language;
* Computer literate with practical experience using Microsoft office program.

Applicants that fulfill the minimum qualification requirements will be further evaluated based on the below evaluation grid for the position:

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| Evaluated expertise | Points |
| General Experience | 30 |
| Adequacy for the assignment  | 60 |
| Language and computer skills | 10 |
| Total | 100 |

The consultant will be selected based on Selection of Individual Consultant (IC) in accordance with the procedures 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 (revised November 2020).

The initial duration of the assignment is 12 months, with a probation period of 3 months, from contract signing and/or entry into force of the contract, with the option of renewal for the entire Project implementation period (60 months), based on satisfactory performance. The Consultant shall be engaged on full-time basis and the type of contract for this assignment is Time Based Contract.

Interested local Consultants may obtain further information concerning the Terms of Reference at the official website of MARD:https://bujqesia.gov.al/projekti-qendrueshmeria-ndaj-klimes-dhe-zhvillimit-ne-bujqesi/, or at the address below, during office hours 08:00 to 16:30 (Monday to Thursday) and 08:00 to 14:00 on Friday.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MoARD) invites interested individuals to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested candidates should provide: (i) motivation letter, underlining their advantages concerning this position, (ii) Curriculum Vitae, as well as, (iii) information that indicates that the candidates have required qualifications to carry out the Consulting Services, and (iv) various references.

All documents should be submitted in English language.

Expressions of Interest (EoIs) must be delivered no later than 21 th of December 2023 hardcopy (in person or by mail) to the address below, within office hours, and/or electronically at the below e-mail address.

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

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