REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

(CONSULTING SERVICES)

Selection of Individual Consultant

CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

ALBANIA

**Project ID: No.: P178715**

**IBRD Loan: No.: 94890**

Assignment Title: “Selection of Procurement Consultant of the Project Management Team (Ref. No.AL-MARD-389954-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). The MARD will have fiduciary responsibility for the Project through its Project Management Team (PMT). The PMT will be headed by a Project Coordinator (appointed MARD staff at the level of Deputy Minister/General Director) and include: a Project Manager, Component Leaders, Procurement Specialist, Financial Management Specialist, Environmental Specialist, Social Specialist/Gender focal point and Technical Specialist (i.e. engineer, IT, etc.) as deemed necessary to support project implementation. The MARD will appoint civil servants as Project Coordinator, Component Leaders and M&E Specialist. Civil servants in supporting implementing and beneficiaries’ institutions/agencies will be appointed as focal points for the various activities.

The PMT will monitor and evaluate the Project results framework and will include core staff responsible for technical and fiduciary management. The establishment of the PMT and selection of its key staff (Project Manager, Procurement Expert and a Financial Management Expert) with qualifications and experience satisfactory to the Bank is a condition of effectiveness. The PMT which will be in charge of procurement and financial activities and its staff will be hired through a selection process by the MARD.

MARD publishes this ToR with the aim to select an individual consultant as Procurement Consultant that will be a team member of the PMT and will support in daily implementation of the Project.

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 or equivalent professional qualifications appropriate to this assignment;
* At least 7 years of general working experience;
* At last 3-years as a procurement expert/specialist in projects financed by international development organizations. Previous experience with World Bank procurement rules.
* 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.

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