REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

(CONSULTING SERVICES)

Firms Selection

Climate Resilience and Agriculture Development Project in Albania

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

**IBRD Loan Number: 94890**

Assignment Title: “Design review; engineering, construction supervision and quality control for Divjaka and Mursi irrigation schemes (two sites)” (Ref. No. AL-MARD-389921-CS-QCBS)”

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 services required to be contracted aim to support the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) in ensuring successful implementation of the contract “Design review; engineering, construction supervision and quality control for Divjaka and Mursi irrigation schemes (two sites)”.

The MARD seeks the Consulting Services of a qualified company/firm with the objective to assist MARD with the Construction Supervision of the Civil Works for the “Modernization and Pressurization of Divjaka & Mursi – Janjar Irrigation schemes” covering an area of 500 ha and 2200 ha respectively, including Divjaka water source water quality monitoring & assessment, design review, changes, improvement, and/or additions to original drawings when necessary, monitoring, inspection, and reporting activities of standard supervision.

To achieve the objectives of this assignment the Consultant Company in charge for Civil Works Supervision shall generally perform the following tasks/activities to the satisfaction of the Client and standard engineering practices as outlined below. The Consultant shall provide full Supervisory services during the execution of the Civil Works, extended, also, from time to time during the Defects Liability Period (DLP), as necessary.

* Conduct monitoring and assessment Report on Water Source Quality for Agriculture of Divjaka Pilot Irrigation Scheme;
* Due to the fact that original detailed implementation drawings and BoQs were developed 5 yrs ago there is a need to update and review drawings and costs to reflect possible adaptations of technical solutions and cost increase. The Consultant will update the original drawings and design new additional infrastructures if needed. The Consultant will assist the MoARD in preparation of revised BoQs and Bidding Documents.
* The Consultant will carry out the supervision of the civil works contract. The consultant’s team must be designed and fully specified in the Technical Proposal to provide for both overall management and also supervision of the works contract. Details of the invitation/evaluation of proposals are given in the Request for Proposals;
* This supervision service comprises working with the contractor to ensure an orderly start-up and timely execution of the works; a full array of quality assurance activities; certification of payments; co-ordination with stakeholders; contract administration; changes and improvement to the original designs for problems encountered; improvement of the design; development of variation orders as needed, including scoping, independent pricing, and negotiation; communication and facilitation of communication among all necessary parties and reporting monthly progress;
* The Consultant shall, through its supervision team and central support resources, assist the Client in all contract management tasks, including the preparation for, the execution of, and the taking over of any elements of the works;
* It is envisaged that the assignment would be carried out according to the duration of the works for modernization and pressurization of Divjaka & Janjar – Mursi Irrigation schemes. The Consultant Company is also required to be available periodically during the 12 months Defects Liability Period (DLP);
* The invited Consultants should submit their staffing details for supervision of the Civil Works Contract as mentioned in the Request for Proposals.

The duration of the consultancy services is:

1. The duration of the first phase (Update and review of original detailed designs and conduct a water quality for agriculture monitoring and assessment) is 3 (three months);
2. The duration of the second phase (Supervision of civil works) is 24 (twenty-four) months, according to the duration of the works for rehabilitation/modernization of Divjaka & Janjar – Mursi Irrigation schemes. The Consultant Company is also required to be available periodically during the Defects Liability Period (DLP), which will be 12 months after completion of the implementation of Civil Works. The Consultant Company should propose a clear schedule with critical milestones for all components as part of the Inception Report and make all possible efforts for timely works completion.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development 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 Consultant Firm must be able to demonstrate previous experience in similar assignments as follow:

The interested Consultants should comply with the following requirements:

* + - 1. Have Extensive experience in Design & Construction Supervision and quality assurance the Consultant should have at least 10 years of experience, in the Design and Supervision of the Irrigation systems projects, reservoir dam included, in water supply & sewerage systems.
			2. Be familiar with the World Bank Safeguard policies, as well as other related guidelines and procedures.
			3. Previous experience with the World Bank projects will be an advantage.

The applicants will be assessed in order to determine a shortlist comprising the most qualified firms. The criteria to be used for shortlisting will be the following:

* Core business and years in business – 30 points
* Past experience in similar assignments – 60 points
* Availability of qualified staff among the firm to perform the assignment – 10 points

The CVs of Key experts will not be evaluated during the shortlisting process.

The shortlisting criteria are:

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| Evaluated Grid | Points |
| Core business and years in business | 30 |
| Experience in similar assignments  | 60 |
| Firms’ organization and staffing  | 10 |
| Total | 100 |

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 revised November 2020 (“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 consultant will be selected based on Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method 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).

Interested 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.

Expressions of Interest (EoI) in English language must be delivered no later than April 05, 2024 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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