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: “Environmental Specialist of Project Management Team” (Ref. No. No. AL-MARD-389957-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 services required to be contracted aim to support the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) in ensuring successful implementation of the contract “Environmental Specialist of Project Management Team”.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) is the lead implementation agency for this Project (CRAD) and publishes this Request for Expression of Interest with the aim to select an individual consultant as Environmental Specialist who will be part (a team member) of the PMT and he/she will support the PMT in ensuring environmental compliance in the implementation of Project activities.

Objectives

* To integrate environmental considerations in the design and implementation of project activities, ensuring that project activities promote environmental sustainability and comply with national and international environmental standards.
* To support the project team in the development, implementation, and monitoring and supervision of environmental management plans, including the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), ensuring adherence to the World Bank's Environmental and Social Standards (ESS).

Required Experience and Qualifications

* A bachelor’s degree (or higher) in environmental science, environmental engineering, or a related field.
* A minimum of 5 years of professional experience in environmental management, with specific experience in developing and implementing environmental management plans for projects financed by international organizations, preferably the World Bank.
* Extended knowledge of the national environmental legal framework in place.
* Familiarity with the World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework and ESS.
* Excellent communication skills, with fluency in Albanian and English.
* Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with multidisciplinary teams.

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 Environmental Specialist shall be engaged on a part-time basis, average of 10 working days per month. 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 April 04, 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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