

# **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT**

**Republic of Serbia**

**Local Infrastructure and Institutional Development (LIID) Project**

**Project ID No. P174251**

**Assignment Title:**

- **Disaster Risk Management Specialist (full-time individual consultant),  
Reference No. SER-LIID-IC-CS-23-09**

The Republic of Serbia has received financing in the amount of EUR 265,200,000 equivalent from the World Bank and the Agency Francaise de Development toward the cost of the Serbia Local Infrastructure and Institutional Development (LIID) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project.

## **Scope of work**

The scope of work of the disaster risk management specialist shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Provide technical inputs and leadership to the PIU ongoing and planned technical assistance related to issues/activities/investments focusing on:  
mainstreaming of risk reduction in sectoral investment by:
  - preparing/reviewing procurements documentation;
  - reviewing proposals, technical reports/studies, master plans, feasibility studies, proposed scope of works, preliminary designs, cost estimates, bidding documents providing technical advice and inputs;
  - supporting and leading conceptualization of/supervision of physical as well as non-structural investments;
  - recommending and implementing innovative approaches and solutions, such as green infrastructure solutions, or nature-based solutions; etc.
- Provide operational support through identification, preparation, and implementation of activities/investments through:
  - technical inputs for various-stage project documentation,
  - support for quality review processes, monitoring and reporting;
  - leading and participating in missions and draft mission preparation and monitoring documents;

- Support and lead policy and knowledge agenda, contribute or lead the policy dialogue through:
  - sharing of technical knowledge and good practice, and providing inputs or lead various analytical and knowledge products and activities,
  - participating in peer-review processes,
  - contributing or leading knowledge activities targeting external/internal stakeholders; etc.
- Specialist will be responsible for coordinating on the multi-hazard disaster risk assessments undertaken under Project umbrella activities;
- Operationalization of system for the storage, analysis and management of disaster data;
- Support capacity development planning to incorporate climate-risk considerations into technical feasibility studies for infrastructure projects to optimize feasibility and safeguard of the investments;
- Provide TA support to the relevant Government counterparts;
- Advise and support coordination and implementation of the National DRM Policy;
- TA support to incorporate and mainstream gender equality and social inclusion in the thematic interventions;
- Identify specific DRM needs and demands of the project and help build partnerships at the national and sub-national levels to meet those needs;
- Facilitate the flow of information between key Government partners of the project and with other Government and development partners on DRM issues;
- Represent and share the project results both at national, regional and at external events as required by the Project;
- Share knowledge on disaster management and disaster resilience, including through case studies and good practices;
- Support the project team (both in the office and in the field) and contribute to the monthly and periodic progress reporting requirements of the project;
- Perform other duties in support of project preparation and implementation, as required.

### **Timeframe and Duration**

The Consultant is expected to provide full time services for the life of the project, i.e. until November 30, 2028, with a probationary period of six (6) months.

The Consultant shall not have other full or part-time assignment during the engagement under this Contract.

**Required qualifications:**

- Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in Civil Engineering, Hydro Engineering, Water Resources Management, Technical sciences or other related areas to disaster risk management
- Relevant professional certifications related to DRM and DRR will be considered as advantage
- Minimum 7 years of total professional experience in the field of disaster risk management – providing policy advice and programme support in the general area of DRR and DRM
- At least 5 years of relevant engineering experience in design of technical documentation and/or construction of DRR infrastructure
- Experience in design of DRR plans would be considered as advantage
- Experience in strategic planning in accordance with Law on planning system and capital investments planning would be considered as advantage
- Experience in the field of LSGs budgeting would be considered as advantage
- Relevant experience with projects of international financial institutions will be considered as an advantage
- Experience in delivering of technical assistance to LSGs in DRM sector will be considered as advantage
- Openness to change and ability to receive/integrate feedback
- Strong analytical skills and ability to identify key strategic issues, opportunities and risks
- Competence for incorporating gender perspectives into substantive work and ensuring the equal participation of women and man in all areas of work; commitment to the goal of gender balance in staffing and creating a gender sensitive working environment that pays attention to work/life issues
- Knowledge of computer, office software and web-based applications use
- Cultural, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability
- Excellent writing/reporting and presentation skills
- Excellent interpersonal, networking and team building skills
- Excellent knowledge of written and spoken Serbian and English.

The Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible 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 evaluation criteria for the assignment:

- Qualifications and Competence relevant to the Assignment ( 50 Points)
- Specific Experience relevant to the Assignment ( 50 Points)

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of 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 2017, August 2018 and November 2020)* (“the Regulations”) setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants* as set out in the Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of interest in English language must be delivered in a written form to the email below, by **June 09, 2023, 12:00 hours, noon**, local time.

Interested consultants must provide **Cover Letter (name and reference number of the assignment to be indicated in the email)** and **CV** representing description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills (**scanned diplomas to be sent with CV**).

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