



MONTENEGRO
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
Montenegro Institutional Development and Agricultural Strengthening
Project (MIDAS)

Request for Expressions of Interest
for
Technical assistance on establishing criteria for categorization of food
establishments, identify priorities and increase awareness of food business
operators for upgrading food establishments in Montenegro, in line with EU
standards

Loan No: 7716-ME

Reference No. MNE-MIDAS-7716-ME-IC-CS-13-2.3.10.

This Invitation for expression of interests follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in Development Business, issue no. **February 5, 2009**

The Government of Montenegro has received a loan in the amount of EUR 11 million (US\$15.7) equivalent from the International Bank for Reconstruction Development (IBRD) and from the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, GEF, in the amount of US\$ 4 million toward the cost of the Montenegro Institutional Development and Agricultural Strengthening Project (MIDAS) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments under the Contract for **Technical assistance on establishing criteria for categorization of food establishments, identify priorities and increase awareness of food business operators for upgrading food establishments in Montenegro, in line with EU standards.**

The overall objective of the assignment is to assist in upgrading the food processing industry (slaughterhouses, meat processing and dairy plants), so as to pave the way towards meeting EU standards for approval by means of IPARD-compliant criteria and procedures. Also, the assignment aims to increase awareness of food business operators and provide them with expert advice and guidance for restructuring the industry in compliance with the upcoming EU hygiene standards and requirements.

The technical assistance financed by the project will be recommendation for targeted investments supported either by the project through the EU IPARD compatible rural develop grants program (EU IPARD Priority axis 1 under Sub-component 1.1), or by the envisaged EU-supported Trust Fund, or from another source. Investments will generally aim to improve food processing facilities, infrastructure, equipment and procedures, particularly by introducing GHP/GMP pre-requisite programs and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP)-based procedures.

It is expected that the selected consultant will start work by the end of July/beginning of August 2013 and complete assignment by the end of November 2013. The required level of inputs is estimated to be total of fifty (50) working days deployed in 5 or 6 on-site missions.

The MARD through the Technical Service Unit (TSU) now invites eligible individual 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 (CV, brochures, description of similar assignments performed, experience in similar conditions, etc.). Individual consultants may be offered through firms or other organizations, but the qualifications of the individual consultant will be the basis for selection.

The shortlisting criteria are:

Criteria	
General requirements	Points
University Degree in Veterinary Medicine, a Postgraduate Degree in a field related to public health and/or food hygiene and at least ten (10) years of professional experience in regulatory or implementation aspects of food hygiene in EU Member State.	20
Good knowledge and understanding of a substantial part of the EU Acquis covered by this ToR	10
Experience of working at least in one EU accession country in the related field	10
Fluency in written and spoken English and computer literacy at user's level	10
Specific requirements	Points
Experience and good skills for transfer of knowledge related to the assignment.	10
Ability to work in a team with a multi-disciplinary environment	10
Analytical and problem-solving skills combined with good organizational and inter-personal communication skills	10
Experience in upgrading of food establishments in other countries in the region	10
Proven experience as a trainer	10
Total	100

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 9-15 hours local time.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants \[under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants\] by World Bank Borrowers](#) (edition May 2004, revised October 2006) ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant (IC) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax) by **July 26, 2013, 17,00h** local time.

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