

**Montenegro**

**Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – Consultants’ Qualifications)

**Name of Project:** Second Institutional Development and Agriculture Strengthening Project (MIDAS 2)

**Loan No:** 8820-ME

**Assignment Title:** EX-POST EVALUATION OF IPARD II PROGRAMME 2014-2020

**Reference No**. MNE-MIDAS2-8820-ME-CQ-CS-24-1.2.3.33

The Montenegro has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Second Institutional Development and Agriculture Strengthening Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for EX-POST EVALUATION OF IPARD II PROGRAMME 2014-2020.

The overall objective of this consulting services (“the Services”) is to conduct the ex-post evaluation covers the use of resources, effectiveness and efficiency of the implementation of the IPARD II programme, and its impact and consistency with the ex-ante evaluation. The ex-post evaluation should include all factors contributing to success/unsuccess of the implementation, achievements and results of the IPARD II programme, including their sustainability.

The assignment will have total duration of 7 months from the date of contract signing.

The detailed ToR for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, through Technical Service Unit, now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information (on English language) demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Qualifications requirements:

* Demonstrated experience in the field of assessment and evaluation of policies and programmes similar to this assignment, producing relevant studies and strategic documents in the area of agriculture and rural development (proven by a reference list of studies/researches);
* At least two (2) similar assignments (in terms of nature, complexity, method and other characteristics described in the ToR) conducted during the last five (5) years. Details of the referenced assignments would include the contract(s) value, location(s), number of staff involved in the contract(s), name of the Client(s), name of partners for contract(s) execution, source(s) of financing, type of services provided, contract(s) commencement and completion dates, a brief description of the contract(s);
* Demonstrated experience of both: (i) qualitative and quantitative analysis, (ii) in strategic planning;
* Staff availability.

Evaluation criteria

* Specific Experience of the Firm Related to the Assignment: 70 points
* General Experience of the Firm: 30 points

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. Qualifications and experience of the consulting firm associated as sub-consultancy will not be considered for evaluation for shortlisting.

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 2017, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants’ Qualification method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 08,00 to 14,00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (only via e-mail) by November 20, 2024, 14,00h.

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