

**Montenegro**

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

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

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

**Loan No:** 8820-ME

**Assignment Title:** TA FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF INFORMATION SECURITY STANDARDS IN DfP, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXTERNAL AUDIT

**Reference No**. MNE-MIDAS2-8820-ME-IC-CS-25-1.2.3.35

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 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF INFORMATION SECURITY STANDARDS IN DfP, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXTERNAL AUDIT.

The overall objective of this consultant service (“the Service”) is to support the MAFWM Directorate for Payments, in in the implementation of the ISO 27001 standard related to the Information Security Management System. as well as preparation of the procedures for the transition to the new version of the standard ISO 27001.

With this engagement, it is necessary to ensure compliance with the standard and requirements of the European Commission, i.e. to support the Directorate for Payments (IPARD Agency) as the process bearers to focus and harmonize work activities of it staff with the requirements of the ISO 27001 standard.

The assignment will have a duration of the period of ten months and the required level of inputs is estimated at a total of 80 work days, working from home and on site, depending on agreement with the beneficiary (at least 30 days of the assignment should be done on site). The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for this service can be obtained at the address given below.

The MAFWM, through Technical Service Unit, now invites eligible individual consultants (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Service. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Individual consultants may be offered through firms or other organizations, but the qualifications of the individual consultant will be the basis of selection. Contract will be signed with proposed individuals.

The criteria for selection are following:

*Essential (mandatory) qualifications*

* At least a University Diploma – IT or equivalent; A first-level university degree (e.g. Bachelor) in combination with 15 additional years of progressively relevant experience may be accepted in lieu of an advanced university degree.
* A minimum of seven (7) years of relevant experience in working in the implementation of the ISO 27001 standard.

*Evaluation criteria*

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| **Qualifications** | **Points (max)** |
| Years of experience in the field of similar assignments | 45 |
| Number of similar assignments conducted during the last seven (7) years | 35 |
| Experience in capacity building of public institutions. | 10 |
| Experience with organizing workshops and trainings | 10 |

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 Individual Consultant 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, only by e-mail, to the address below by June 20, 2025, 14,00h.

Ministry of Finance/Technical Service Unit

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