

Republic of Macedonia

AGRICULTURE STRENGTHENING AND ACCESSION PROJECT CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT (IC)

Deadline: January 20, 2010

This Request for Expressions of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in *UN Development Business* on 2 July, 2007.

The *Republic of Macedonia* has received a loan from the *International Bank for Reconstruction and Development* toward the cost of *Agriculture Strengthening and Accession Project* and intends to apply part of the proceeds to make payments under the contract for **Creation of technical documentation for purchasing software and hardware, preparation of Project Plan for implementation of the software and hardware for IPARD Paying Agency and preparation of workflow, for the needs of the IPARD Paying Agency.**

The consulting services include:

- (i) Preparation of Hardware Requirement Specification (HRS) and Software Requirement Specification (SRS), which will support the financial aid granted by the Agency;
- (ii) Preparation of Project Plan for implementation of the IACS software according IEEE/ISO 12207 standard;
- (iii) Familiarization with legal bases, EU legislative, operational and application environment;
- (iv) Analysis of the existing infrastructure; program and comprehensive strategy for the agriculture sector;
- (v) Preparation of workflow of IPARD PA

The assignment will have duration of 8 months and the required level of effort is 60 man/days. The consultant will work on-site 20 working days. 5 man/days will be reserved for assistance to the Client in response to technical queries of potential bidders and eventual assistance in the evaluation of the bids received and they will be treated as time-based days.

The international individual consultant to be hired should meet the following requirements:

- 7 years of experience in the field of IT or Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering or Technological Engineering or Agriculture or Economics or Law.
- Excellent written and spoken English.
- 5 year experience in reviewing and accreditation of Paying Agency procedures for CAP
- 5 years experience in setting up organizational structure of Paying Agencies
- 3 years experience in analysis of the CAP controls process in an EU funded Paying Agency
- 3 years experience as key expert in providing electronic solutions, the Paying Agencies or SAPARD Agencies or financing institutions especially in the design of software and usage of the IT system (IACS software).
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in the GIS area
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in the assessment of subsidy related procedures
- Demonstrated ability to prepare technical specifications of software systems

- Demonstrated knowledge and experience of Control with Remote Sensing (CwRS).
- Team leader in at least two projects in Paying Agencies for implementation of CAP related processes.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy (MAFWE) now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested individual consultants must provide curriculum vitae (CV) and information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, etc.)

The consultants will be selected using IC method in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers*, May 2004, (revised October 2006). The evaluation criteria are as follows:

- General Qualification - 20 points
- Adequacy for the assignment – 60 points
- Experience in region and language – 20 points

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 09:00 to 16:00 hours, Monday to Friday.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the address below no later than January 20, 2010.

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