

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

## **Request for Expressions of Interest**

for

## Individual Consultant for Technical bodies under the IPARD structure

## Loan No: 7716-ME Reference No. MNE-MIDAS-7716-ME- IC- CS -13-2.1.b.4.a.

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 Individual Consultant for Technical bodies under the IPARD structure.

Since the technical bodies are officially appointed, it is necessary for Ministry of agriculture and rural development (MARD) to establish formal working agreement with them, which will define the rights and obligations of the Ministry of agriculture and rural development and the bodies concerned.

The consulting services ("the Services") include:

- 1. Making a list of requests per measure, based on the list of national minimum standards it should;
- 2. Making a proposal documents to prove compliance with the NMS user before application. Preparation a separate document for each technical body;
- 3. Making a list of EU standards through measures of our IPARD program.
- 4. Preparation a document proving that the planned investment will be in accordance with the same, and a document proving that the investments are made in line with the same. Prepare a separate document for each technical body.
- 5. Making a draft and coordinate working arrangements between the MARD and technical bodies. (MARD approved PA).
- 6. Conduction of workshop and presentation of the completed segment.
- 7. Making a manual for applicants, i.e. manual of technical competence and the role of the technical body in the process of IPARD, in order to inform potential applicants.
- 8. Making a manual of material about the standards that applicant must meet when applying for support from the IPARD Program, and standards that must be met by the end of investment.
- 9. Making an assessment of the conformity of national minimum standards with relevant EU standards (comparison).

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It is expected that the selected consultant will start work by the beginning of July 2013 and complete assignment by the end of October 2013. The required level of inputs is estimated to be total of thirty (30) working days.

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:

| Mandatory qualifications   |               |
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| At least a University Diploma - low, economics, agricultural sciences animal husbandry, food |               |
| technology, agricultural economics, environmental sciences, natural resource                 | management or |
| veterinary medicine or equivalent;   |               |
| Excellent command of the English language, and strong oral and written communication         |               |
| Essential qualifications   | Points        |
| In-depth knowledge of implementation of IPARD program  | 20            |
| at least 5 (five) years professional experience in (IPARD) Paying Agencies on                | 20            |
| relevant positions;  |               |
| Knowledge / experience with relevant ex YU law system  | 5             |
| Practical experience in related fields in working with technical bodies in the project       | 20            |
| area is essential skills.  |               |
| Preferable qualifications  |               |
| Experience in preparation of supporting documents for IPARD program -                        | 20            |
| accreditation package,   |               |
| Good organizational skills and experience with organizing workshops and trainings;           | 10            |
| Knowledge / Familiar with ex Yu languages  | 5             |
| Total points:  | 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 <u>Guidelines:</u> <u>Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank</u> <u>Borrowers</u> (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, or by e-mail) by **July 02, 2013, 17,00h** local time.

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