

**Selection process for:**

**Technical Assistance for Capacity Assessment for introducing meadows and pastures into Land Parcel Identification System (LPIS) and to select Agro-Environmental Measures (Service)**

**Reference No: MNE-MIDAS2-8820-ME-CQ-CS-20-1.1.4.**

**Subject: Clarifications #1**

Dear All,

With respect to the selection process for Technical Assistance for Capacity Assessment for introducing meadows and pastures into Land Parcel Identification System (LPIS) and to select Agro-Environmental Measures, and ongoing Request for Expression of Interest (REoI), please find bellow answer on question submitted by interested Consultants:

**Question No. 1**

The Request for Expression of Interest has been published on January 12, 2021, while the deadline for submission of Expression of Interest is set for January 26th, 2021, 14:00 hours.

*Considering the complexity of the assignment, shortlisting criteria, and need for mobilization of a minimum of 3 experts as presented in the Terms of Reference, as well as the slowed down business activities caused by the COVID-19 situation, could you please consider extending the deadline for submission of the Expression of Interest in order to allow preparation and submission of the high-quality applications?*

**Answer 1:**

Prospective consultants are required to provide existing information and documentation which will present that Consultants are qualified to perform Service (brochures, description of similar tasks performed, experience in similar conditions, staff, etc.), and company or Joint Venture that will presented the biggest and the most adequate and relevant experience and qualifications in accordance with defined criteria, will be selected as the first ranked Consultant. Given that from prospective Consultants are not required to prepare proposals and there are no some other additional requirements to provide in the Expression of Interest (EoI), and therefore not required some special effort, except above stated related to the evaluation criteria, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (Client) considers that two weeks for preparation of EoI is sufficient. However, taking into account the needs of consultants for the best possible preparation of EoIs, **Client decided to extend deadline for submission of the EoIs until February 5, 2021, 14.00h, local time in Podgorica.**

## **Question No. 2**

The shortlisting criteria as published in the Request for Expression of Interest stipulates that:

- a) Years of experience in the field of similar to this assignment (experience in creating and/or implementing and/or monitoring EU direct support measures and EU Rural development measures or similar); (40%)
- b) At least two (2) similar assignment (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); (40%)
- c) Demonstrated experience of both: (i) implementation of EU support specifically meadows and pastures through LPIS, (ii) EU agro-environmental measures; (15%).
- d) Staff availability. (5%)

In accordance with the above, could you kindly provide further information with regards to the following:

- *For criteria a), please can you kindly confirm that there is no direct minimum number of years of experience needed in the field similar to this assignment?*
- *May you please provide further information as to whether ongoing projects, which commenced within the applicable starting time period presented in criteria b) will be accepted as eligible, if only activities successfully carried out until the submission deadline are presented?*

### **Answer 2:**

There are no mandatory criteria for selection. Consultant will be assessed and scored for criteria the a) and under the all other criteria based on presented similar references and their complexity and similarity to the required Service.

If Consultant presents a contract which is not completed, Client may decide, based on complexity, similarity and other relevant characteristics, that this contract is not relevant and it might not be considered as relevant.

The Consultant's experience evaluation includes the full context of the EoI submission.

## **Question No. 3**

The Request for Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference indicate that the attention of Consultants is to be 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.

*In accordance with the above, may you kindly confirm that the preparation of this assignment is to be done in accordance with the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, Revised November 2017, and does not factor in any amendments or changes in the rules and regulations from later versions, i.e. World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, Revised November 2017 and August 2018, as well as the newest, fourth edition published in November 2020?*

### **Answer 3:**

Relevant and applicable World Bank's Regulation for this selection process is "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, Revised November 2017.