

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

[ROMANIA]

INTEGRATED NUTRIENT POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT – ADDITIONAL FINANCING

Loan No. **8.597 RO**

Assignment Title: Audit services

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): **02-LCS-2017**

Romania *has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **INTEGRATED NUTRIENT POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT-ADDITIONAL FINANCING**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) refers to audit services with the objective of enabling the auditor to express an opinion on the financial statements of the “Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control Project – Additional Finance” as of December 31st , 2017 for the period starting with the Date of Project effectiveness, as of December 31st , 2018, as of December 31st , 2019, as of December 31st , 2020, and also as of March 31, 2022 plus any transactions incurred during the grace period ending July 31st , 2022, according to the present terms of reference.

The Ministry of Waters and Forests now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Audit Services for INPC Project.

The related Terms of References for this Services can be examined on the web site of Ministry of Waters and Forest: www.apepaduri.gov.ro.

Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The Expressions of Interest must provide information indicating that the audit firm is qualified to perform the Services. The short-listing criteria are:

- **general qualifications - 30 points**

Consultants will provide information on the following: core business and years in business, address, contacts, number and country of registration; presentation of services provided, references; In the context of the assignment’s ToRs, summarize the relevant technical and financial qualifications of your firm/association/joint-venture;

- **specific experience - 40 points**

Consultants will provide information on the consulting experience in the field of the assignment: consulting services for audit services conducted for similar projects, experience in similar conditions;

Indicate the most relevant projects that the firm/association/joint venture or any member of a joint venture, implemented during the last 5 years. Please include at least a number of 5 projects. Outline the country /regional experience of the firm/association/joint venture/ member of a joint venture.

- **availability of appropriate specialized staff - 30 points**

Consultants will provide information regarding the availability of appropriate specialized staff for the assignment; Indicate number of employed staff and freelance collaboration experts and their general and specific qualifications and experience;

Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. The “association” may take the form of a Joint Venture or a sub consultancy. In case of a Joint Venture (JV), all members of the JV will be evaluated jointly for the purpose of short listing and shall be jointly and severally liable for the assignment and shall sign the contract in case of award is made to that JV group. Interested consultants should clearly indicate the structure of their “association” and the duties of the partners and sub consultants in their application. Unclear expression of interests in terms of “in association with” and/or “in affiliation with” and etc. may not be considered for short listing. Keeping one expression of interest per firm as principle, a consultant firm may decide whether it wishes to participate as a sub consultant or as an individual consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. Please note that a firm shall submit only one Expression Of Interest in the same selection process either individually as a consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. No firm can be a sub consultant while submitting an EOI individually or as a partner of a joint venture in the same selection process. A firm, if acting in the capacity of sub consultant in any consultant or JV, may participate in more than one consultant, but only in the capacity of a sub consultant.

The relative strengths and weaknesses of the Expressions of Interest of the Consultants will be examined to identify the best six candidates. A short-list will be prepared in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2.6, 2.7 and 2.8 of the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 revised July 2014* (“Consultant Guidelines”).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the provisions of **Least Cost Selection** method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours Monday-Thursday from 09:00 to 17:00 hours and Friday from 09:00-13:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **December 4th, 2017, 13:00 hours, local time.**

Ministry of Waters and Forests,

Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control Project Management Unit

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