REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

**Republic of Serbia**

**Enabling Digital Governance in Serbia (EDGe)**

**Project ID No. P164824**

**Assignment Title: Implementation of SO/IEC 42001:2023 - AI management systems**

**Reference No. SER-EDGE-CQS-CS-25-61-2**

The Republic of Serbia has received financing in the amount of US$ 50,000,000 equivalent from the World Bank toward the cost of the Enabling Digital Governance Project (EDGe), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The objective of this engagement is to support the Government of Serbia in establishing a robust, ethical, and legally compliant framework for managing Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems in public administration. This includes aligning organizational practices with the ISO/IEC 42001 standard on AI Management Systems, strengthening institutional capacity through tailored training and policy development, and preparing for potential certification.

The scope of assignment for consulting services include:

 The assignment will be implemented in two phases:

**Phase I – Development of AI Management Framework and Training Curricula**

* Conduct situational analysis and gap assessment regarding AI usage in public administration;
* Develop and/or update training curricula in line with ISO/IEC 42001 requirements;
* Draft policies and procedures for AI risk management, legal compliance, and governance;
* Define institutional roles and responsibilities related to AI system oversight;
* Develop tailored training and awareness materials for managers, IT, legal, and executive staff;
* Prepare Guidelines for implementation of ISO/IEC 42001 in public administration.

**Phase II – Training Delivery and Certification Readiness**

* Deliver in-person and hybrid training for key staff;
* Conduct internal audit of the AI management system;
* Support certification preparation and selection of a certification body;
* Develop sustainability recommendations and roadmap for long-term adoption of AIMS.

The project will span over 6 (six) months.

The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) and Request for Expressions of Interest (REoI) for the above referenced consulting services are posted on the website of the OITeG at <https://www.ite.gov.rs/edge>

The Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible consulting firms (“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.

The short listing criteria are:

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| *#* | *Criteria* | *Weight* |
| 1 | General experience of the firm | **50** |
| 2 | Specific experience of the firm related to the assignment | **50** |

In order to be selected, the Consultant firm must possess, at the minimum, the following qualifications:

a) The Consultant firm must prove its capability by listing its experience in the last five (5) years (2019-2024) related to: minimum 2 projects, where the assignment, or a part thereof, was dedicated to implementation of system management (ISO 42001, ISO 27001, or similar)

b) Demonstrated experience in delivering training and capacity building for public sector entities is a plus;

c) Proven experience of EU and Serbian legislation relevant to data protection, AI, and information security.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the ***World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers – Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services (July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018)*** (“the Regulations”) setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Consultant shall submit reference list indicating name and description of the contract, name of the client and its representative including his/her email.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Consultant’s qualifications based selection (CQS)* method as set out in the Regulations.

Further information can be obtained from the CFU at the address below from 09:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of interest in English language must be sent in a written form to the **E-mail** address below, by **September 01, 2025, 12:00 hours, noon**, local time.

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