

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

Republic of Serbia
Enabling Digital Governance in Serbia (EDGE)
Project ID No. P164824

Assignment Title:

- **Individual Consultant (part time) – Environmental and Social (E&S) Safeguard Consultant, Reference No. SER-EDGE-IC-CS-20-18**

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. EDGE will be jointly financed by the Republic of Serbia in the amount of US\$ 5,000,000.

The scope of assignment for consulting services of **Individual Consultant (part time)** include:

- Support Implementation of environmental related activities as outlined in the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) of the project;
- Screening the sub-projects and proposing Environmental Assessment (EA) process and documents, filling in screening checklists and submitting them to the WB;
- Upon WB conformation of category, preparation of the Environmental Assessment documents (ESMP, ESMP Checklists) with mitigation and monitoring measures adequately addressing environmental, health and safety risks of proposed infrastructure schemes as required by the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF). Finalization of EAs upon approval of WB Environmental Specialist;
- Support PIU in EA public consultation process by preparing calls for comments, initiate and supervise disclosure, integrate relevant public and stakeholders' comments to final EAs, presenting EAs in the case of public consultations meetings are needed, etc.;
- Ensure bidding and contracting documentation is completed from the Safeguards perspective;
- Supervise implementation of EAs (ESMP, ESMP Checklist);
- Undertake actions to ensure that the project remains compliant to the World Bank Environmental and Social Safeguard policies and guidelines;
- Undertake quarterly monitoring and evaluation of project (towards WB) activities against standards of the safeguard guidelines and EAs;
- Prepare guidelines, tools and notes for the OITeG/PIU, for use in the project based on relevant Environmental and Social Safeguard policies of World Bank Group;
- Prepare environmental information materials and help the OITeG in disseminating the information to the relevant stakeholders;
- Prepare quarterly reports to be submitted to OITeG and other stakeholders with a special view to capturing lessons learned and best practices for improving the performance of the Facility portfolio and maintaining safeguard standards;

- Preparation of the contribution to the progress report and submission to the World Bank.

Required qualifications:

The Consultant selected to undertake the assignment must fulfil the following minimal requirements:

- University Degree in Environmental Sciences, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Policy, Law or in a related field;
- At least 5 years of professional experience in environmental protection and OHS, out of which at least 3 years of practical experience in environmental affairs and social safeguards, acquired with the public sector and with international projects;
- Experience in environmental and social safeguards/management in WB and/or other IFOs will be considered an advantage’;
- Documented and proven knowledge of World Bank, UN or other international organizations environmental and social safeguards requirements;
- Fluency in English and Serbian, both spoken and written.

The Consultant shall be engaged for up to 185 days in the period from the 01.07.2020 – 30.06.2024. Duration of the assignment may be subject to extension depending on project needs.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced consulting services is posted on the website of the Office for Information Technology and e-Government <https://www.ite.gov.rs/edge>.

The Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible 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 evaluation criteria for the assignment:

- Specific Experience relevant to the Assignment (40 Points)
- Qualifications and Competence relevant to the Assignment (60 Points)

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants* as set out in the Regulations.

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

Expressions of interest in English language must be delivered in a written form to the address below by mail, by **June 18, 2020, 12:00 hours, noon**, local time.

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