REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consulting services – Individual Consultant

**ROMANIA**

**Rural** **Pollution Prevention and Reduction Project**

Loan No.: 9505-RO

**Assignment Title:** Consultancy services for the preparation of a Diagnostic analysis on the sustainability of the Romanian agriculture financed by the RAPID Project

**Reference No**. (as per Procurement Plan): 10/IC/2024

The Government of Romania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Rural Pollution Prevention and Reduction Project (RAPID Project), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include specialized consultancy services of an Individual Consultant – Technical Specialist to develop the Terms of Reference for the elaboration of a Diagnostic analysis on the sustainability of the Romanian agriculture financed by the RAPID Project (DLILF). The duration of the contract is until September, 30th 2026, or any other period mutually agreed by the parties. The total input under the assignment is estimated at 60 working days. The Consultant will include a probationary period of 30 days, after which it may be terminated through a notification issued by the Client. The Consultant is expected to commence performance of the services preferably within maximum 10 working days after contract signing.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest as Annex 1.

The Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests – Rural Pollution Prevention and Reduction Project, now invites eligible individual consultants (“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 Individual consultant will be selected on the basis of her/his relevant experience, qualifications, and capability to carry out the assignment. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. **Qualifications – 15 p**
2. At least the following qualifications: Bachelor degree/Master degree in agriculture, environment protection, business administration or other relevant field or Bachelor's degree/Master's degree in other fields along with more than 5 years' proven professional and practical experience in any of the above-mentioned technical fields.
3. **Work Experience, scored against the application documents -75 p**
4. At least 5 years’ experience in research or policy preparation related to climate change adaption and mitigation, biodiversity conservation, sustainable water management and pollution, as relevant for agriculture, including and not limited to preparation of terms of references for consultancy services and experience in preparation of diagnostic analysis.

ii. It will be considered an advantage:

 Experience in environmental protection research or policy related to the following fields: climate change adaption and mitigation measures, biodiversity conservation, sustainable water management and pollution.

1. **Other skills, scored against the application documents – 10 p**

Good communication skills.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, 3.17 and 3.21 to 3.24 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” version November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest and Eligibility. Interested consultants will sign and send together with their Expression of Interest a declaration of availability, no conflict of interest and eligibility, in the format attached to this request for expressions of interest (Annex 2).

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

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from Monday to Thursday 9:00 to 17:00 hours and Friday 09:00 to 14:30 hours.

**Expressions of interest and CVs,** together with the signed declaration of availability, no conflict of interest and eligibility, must be submitted in a written form, in English language, (by e-mail, in person, or by mail) to the address below by 10th of October, 2024.

**To validate the information presented in the CV, the candidate will attach all the relevant supporting documents (studies diploma(s), recommendations, language certificates, training diplomas, certifications etc.).**

**Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests – Rural Pollution Prevention and Reduction Project**

Attn:

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**Annex 2: Declaration of Availability, No Conflict of Interest and Eligibility**

**TO:** **Mr. Mihai Constantinescu**, Director of PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT OF THE “Rural Pollution Prevention and Reduction”

**Ref: Assignment** 10/IC/2024 - Individual Consultant – Technical Specialist– Declaration of Availability, No Conflict of Interest and Eligibility

DECLARATION

Dear Mr. Constantinescu,

I, the undersigned, **………………………………....** [*insert name of the individual consultant*], on behalf of ………………………………………… [*insert name of the juridical person*], confirm my availability to provide the services under the **assignment 10/IC/2024**- Individual Consultant – Technical Specialist), in accordance with the requirements in the Terms of Reference and for the duration specified thereto.

I also confirm that my hiring, in case I am selected, would not create a conflict of interest or eligibility issue as per the provisions of Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, 3.17 and 3.21 to 3.24 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” version November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”).

**Consultant’s Name**

Signature

Date: