REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

**ROMANIA**

**Rural Pollution Prevention and Reduction Project**

**Loan No.: 9505-RO**

**Assignment Title:** *Consultancy services for delivering specialized training to ANAR staff*

**Reference No**. (as per Procurement Plan): 07/CQ/2025

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 assignment includes specialized consultancy services (“the Services”) of a consulting firm or JV Associations to design and deliver professional training programs for ANAR laboratory personnel. The services will include the assessment of training needs, development of training modules, delivery of workshops and on-the-job training sessions. The objective is to strengthen the institutional capacity of ANAR in line with the investments made under the RAPID Project, particularly the acquisition of monitoring equipment and IT infrastructure. The envisaged duration of the contract is until June 30, 2028, or any other period mutually agreed by the parties. The Consultant will commence the services starting with a kick-off meeting.

The detailed Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.

The Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests - Rural Pollution Prevention and Reduction Project, 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 shortlisting criteria are:

**I. General qualifications - 20 points**

Consultants shall provide information on: core business and years in business, presentation of services provided which are relevant for this assignment, including references (such as, recommendation letters, copies of previous implemented contracts, etc.). General experience shall be proved in recent years (in the last 5 years).

**II. Specific experience - 80 points**

Consultants shall demonstrate successful completion of at least three projects or contracts (during the last 7 years) involving the delivery of trainings, in the format of workshops and/or on-the-job trainings, designed to enhance practical knowledge and operational proficiency in the use of laboratory equipment and/or IT systems. Experience in delivering such training programs to public sector institutions is highly desirable.

No CVs should be provided at this stage of the selection procedure, as the Key Experts requested in the Terms of Reference will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

**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”, November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations” -** [**https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/178331533065871195-0290022020/original/ProcurementRegulations.pdf**](https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/178331533065871195-0290022020/original/ProcurementRegulations.pdf)**), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest and Eligibility.** Interested consultants will **consult all these conditions** and will sign and send together with their Expression of Interest a declaration of no conflict of interest and eligibility, in the format attached to this request for expressions 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 case of a Joint-Venture (JV), all members of the JV will be evaluated jointly 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 activities and responsibilities of the members and sub consultants in their application. 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 member in a joint venture***.***

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant’s Qualification-based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

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

Expressions of interest and supporting documents must be submitted in written form (by e-mail or/and in person or/and by mail), in English language, to the address below no later than 15th of October, 2025, at 15:00 local time. In case the supporting documents are not in English, the Consultant shall provide a copy of the relevant parts of the original document, together with a translation into English, which will be certified for conformity by the same person signing the Expression of Interest.

The Expression of Interests and any clarification subsequently issued by the Consultant shall be signed by the person or the persons that are entitled to represent and bind the Consultant or by a person designated to sign the Expression of Interest. In such latter cases, a written power of attorney shall be presented.

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

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**DECLARATION**

Dear Mr. Constantinescu,

I, the undersigned, **………………………………....** the authorized representative of the Consultant [*insert name of the Company or JV Association, as the case may be*], confirm our availability to provide the services under the **assignment 07/CQ/2025**, in accordance with the requirements in the Terms of Reference and for the duration specified thereto.

I also confirm that our hiring, in case we are 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” November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”).

**Name of the Consultant / JV Association:**

**Authorized Representative:**

Signature

Date: