

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### ROMANIA

#### INTEGRATED NUTRIENT POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT

*Consulting services for the development of technical and economical documentation for investments in communal livestock manure storage and handling systems in 20 communes declared Nitrate Vulnerable Zone*

Loan No.4873-RO TF No.058040-RO

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The Government of Romania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the “**Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control**” Project. The overall development objective of the Project is to support the Government of Romania to meet the EU Nitrates Directive requirements by reducing nutrient discharges to water bodies, promoting behavioral change at the communal level and strengthening institutional and regulatory capacity.

The implementing agency of the Project, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (the Employer) intends to use part of the Project’s funds for financing the *Consulting services for the development of technical and economical documentation for investments in communal livestock manure storage and handling systems in 20 communes declared Nitrate Vulnerable Zone*.

The Romanian agriculture is dominated by individual or household farms. Households in the NVZs (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) have on average 2.2 hectares of arable land together with livestock, typically one or two cows, pigs, chickens, and even sheep, that are housed close to the family dwelling in sub-standard buildings. Practices for animal manure collection, handling, and storage vary depending on tradition; however, the vast majority of households do not have controls to prevent direct seepage of manure effluent into soil. Privatization of farm land has contributed to farmers keeping livestock inside the villages, which exacerbates nutrient pollution problems in groundwater. In some regions, animal waste is disposed through open dumping onto fields, often along waterways with little consideration for its value as fertilizer or the threats to human health and the environment. Solid waste in rural households typically lacks a formalized collection and disposal service, and is often co-mingled with animal and other wastes.

In order to solve these problems, manure waste collection and management systems are required at communal level. Within the project, during 2011-2013, 39 communal platforms in a number of 34 NVZ localities were built.

The objective of the assignment is the development of the technical and economical documentation required by the Romanian legislation in force for public investments subject to Minister Order approval, including the design documentation at the phases: *(i) Feasibility Study* and *(ii) Technical Project* for investments in communal manure storage and handling systems to promote better management of the livestock and household waste in a number of 20 localities identified as nitrates vulnerable zones (NVZs localities).

The consultancy assignment is anticipated to commence within one week from the signing of the contract and to be carried for a period of 6 months for preparation of the technical economical documentation from the contract effectiveness date. After that, the consultant

will ensure the technical assistance during the construction period until final acceptance of the works.

The Consultant will be a specialized firm, with expertise of at least 5 (five) years in the field of civil engineering studies and design, certified for ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 standards.

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above mentioned consultancy services.

The Expressions of Interest must provide information indicating that the consultant is qualified to perform the above-mentioned services, respectively:

- general information: core business and years in business, address, contacts, number and country of registration; presentation of services provided, references;
- specific information on the consulting experience in the field of the assignment: specific experience in the field of civil engineering studies and design, similar projects, experience in similar conditions;
- information regarding the availability of appropriate specialized staff for the assignment, number and general qualifications (including number of years of professional expertise) and specific experience of key staff (team leader, expert in manure management, experts in civil works, expert in hydrology/hydro-geology, expert in topography, expert in geology and geotechnics, architect, experts in designing civil works and bids evaluation etc)

***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 Consulting firm will be selected using LCS method (Least Cost Selection) in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank’s [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers](#), May 2004.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.11 of the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, edition May 2004* (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on eligibility.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours, from Monday to Thursday - 09<sup>00</sup> to 16<sup>00</sup> hours and Friday - 09<sup>00</sup> to 14<sup>00</sup> hours.

Expressions of interest must be written in English language and shall be delivered to the address below by ***June 25, 2014, 16:00 hours, local time.***

Expressions of Interest received by e-mail are also accepted.

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