REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT – SHORT TERM IT SPECIALIST)

Republic of North Macedonia Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy AGRICULTURE MODERNIZATION PROJECT

Loan No.: 9037 - MK

Assignment Title: Individual Consultant – Short term IT Specialist Reference No. AMP/IC/C3.15-2

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy of the Republic of North Macedonia (MAFWE) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Agriculture Modernization Project (AMP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Project aims to improve competitiveness in targeted agricultural sub-sectors and strengthen agricultural public sector readiness for EU accession.

The main objective of this assignment is to provide expert support in the design, procurement, and implementation oversight of an Integrated IT System within the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Water Economy (MAFWE), including hardware and software components, in accordance with the applicable laws of the Republic of North Macedonia, World Bank procurement policies, and international standards.

The Consultant shall perform the duties and responsibilities of the "Short term – IT Consultant" as specified in the Consultancy Contract, in close co-operation and consultation with the Client.

The Short term - IT Specialist will be engaged in the period of 12 (twelve) months on part-time basis at most of 140-man days per year. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) is posted on the website of MAFWE on the following <u>link</u>.

MAFWE now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information (curriculum vitae and references in <u>English language only</u>) demonstrating that they have the required qualification and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- University Degree in Information Technology (IT), Electrical engineering, computer science or related disciplines;
- At least 10 (ten) years practical professional experience in information technology;
- Experience in preparation of technical specifications, documentation and evaluation criteria for purchase of IT Equipment (software and hardware);

- Experience in Macedonian (of the MAFWE, FVA, AFSARD and similar) or EU
 Member States agricultural administrative applications and systems will be
 considered as an asset, and
- Fluency in Macedonian and good/working knowledge of English language.

Evaluating grid for the position:

Evaluated expertise	Points
Qualifications and Skills	20
University degree or equivalent in Information Technology (IT), Electrical engineering, computer science or related disciplines;	max 12
Fluency in Macedonian and good/working knowledge of English language	max 8
General Professional Experience	30
Minimum 10 (ten) years practical professional experience in information technology	max 30
Specific Professional Experience	50
Experience in preparation of technical specifications, documentation and evaluation criteria for purchase of IT Equipment (software and hardware);	max 25
Experience in Macedonian (of the MAFWE, FVA, AFSARD and similar) or EU Member States agricultural administrative applications and systems will be considered as an asset, and	max 25
Total	100

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's <u>Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing (IPF) Borrowers</u> – <u>Procurement in IPF of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services</u>, issued in July 2016, revised November 2017, July 2018, November 2020, September 2023 and February 2025 ("Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 08:00 to 16:00 hours, CET (GMT+1).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the addresses stated below (in person, by mail or by e-mail) by Friday, July 18th, 2025 by 15.00 CET (GMT+1).

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