

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)**

**Republic of Serbia
Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program
Project ID No. P168862**

Assignment Title: Deputy Director (full time)

Reference No.: SER-SDIP-IC-CS-24-34

Expected duration: 28 months

The Republic of Serbia has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) (“World Bank”) towards the cost of the Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program, Phase I project, and intends to apply part of proceeds for consultancy services.

PIU Deputy Director will provide support PIU Director to manage the PIU established in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management – Directorate for Water. She/he will report to the PIU Director. The main task is to provide support PIU Director to ensure that the objectives and targets of the Phase I of the Project under the Directorate are achieved timely and efficiently..

The assignment includes a competitive salary and multi-year full-time engagement in an international setup.

The scope of services:

- Support PIU Director to manage PIU operation, organizes, unifies and streamlines work of the PIU staff and supervises their work.
- Finalizes ToRs for various consultants, as deemed appropriate, to be hired given the dynamics and intensity of project activities;
- Together with PIU Director to maintain regular communication with the World Bank, Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) within the Ministry of Finance, Public Water Management Companies and other stakeholders;
- Support PIU Director to ensure that working arrangements are maintained with the CFU on all financial, accounting and procurement matters;
- Provide support PIU Director in supervising daily activities of the PIU, evaluating performance and operating effectiveness, including on-going staff performance evaluations and feedbacks, making recommendations for change, if necessary;
- Support PIU Director to manage and coordinate field work of contractors and supervision the work of the consultants contracted under the Project;
- Provide support PIU Director to sign off quarterly and annual financial statements in a format acceptable to the World Bank adequate to reflect operations;
- Supports PIU Director in monitoring the project spending and regular project activities for Directorate of Water; Supports PIU Director in ensuring timely and adequate implementation of project activities;
- Provide support PIU Director to coordinate and support preparation of Phase II of the Project;
- Perform any other appropriate tasks determined by PIU Director necessary for the project implementation.

The Consultant shall have the following qualifications and experience:

- University degree in law, economics, or management;
- At least 10 years of experience in management and/or implementation of major infrastructure projects;
- At least two years of experience in similar assignments, preferably with International Financing; Institutions and/or donor funded projects and/or international business environments;

- Knowledge of government structures and /or previous experience in working in public institutions would be considered an asset;
- Proven ability to develop highly professional conceptual briefs, strategic documents and project proposals as evidenced by portfolio of previous assignments;
- Experience in briefing and liaising with Government agencies;
- Experience working on World Bank’s financed projects will be considered as an asset.
- Proven organizational and management skills;
- Computer literacy and ability to use Word, Excel and PowerPoint;
- Excellent knowledge of Serbian and English language, both written and spoken;
- Driving license/B category.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced consulting services is posted on the official website of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (MAFWM)/Republic Directorate for Water at <https://rdvode.gov.rs/javne-nabavke-bez-zakona-projekat-integrisanog-razvoja-koridora.php> .

The CFU now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above services. Interested consultants must provide Cover Letter and CV representing description of qualifications, experience in similar assignments and availability of required skills (scanned diplomas to be sent with CV).

The evaluation criteria for the assignment are as follows:

- Specific Experience relevant to the Assignment (60 Points)
- Qualifications and Competence relevant to the Assignment (40 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 Investment Project Financing (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. The type of contract will be time-based contract.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours.

Expressions of interest **in English language** must be delivered to the **e-mail addresses** below by **February 23, 2024, 12:00 noon, local time**.

When submitting Expressions of Interest please indicate **assignment title** and **reference number** for which you are applying.

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