## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION**

## Republic of Serbia Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program (SDIP) Project ID No. P168862

## Assignment Title: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MoCTI, Ref. No. SER-SDIP-QCBS-CS-21-05

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and the Republic of Serbia have applied for financing in the total amount of USD 133,900,000.00 from the World Bank toward the cost of the Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program (SDIP), and intend to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project.

The purpose of this contract is to:

• Support the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure (MoCTI) (being Client for this assignment and Employer in the context of FIDIC contract conditions) in implementation of major infrastructure works on the Project Expansion of capacities of the Port of Sremska Mitrovica; and

• Monitor, report and evaluate on compliance of the Project to the "Safeguard Provisions" as defined below as per relevant WB regulations;

• increase the capacity of MoCTI's staff in the development, evaluation, implementation, monitoring (including Safeguard Provision as defined below as per relevant WB regulations) and supervision of the works related to Project Expansion of capacities of the Port of Sremska Mitrovica infrastructure project financed by IFIs (EIB and WB).

Scope of work:

Task 1: Development of Inception Report

Task 2: Develop and establish in place the Project Implementation Plan (PIP)

Task 3: Assist the MoCTI with the contract administration of the Project

Task 4: Information monitoring, reporting and dissemination

Task 5: Monitor and advise on remedial measures for pre-construction activities

Task 6: Monitor and report on compliance of the Project to the Safeguard Provisions

Task 7: Recommend corrective measures for implementation by the MoCTI

Task 8: Project preparation and procurement support

Contract duration: 3 years.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced consulting services is posted on the website of the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure <a href="https://mgsi.gov.rs/cir/odsek/program-integrisanog-razvoja-koridora-save-i-drine-sdip">https://mgsi.gov.rs/cir/odsek/program-integrisanog-razvoja-koridora-save-i-drine-sdip</a>

The Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) of the Ministry of Finance 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.

Shortlisting Criteria:

-The Consultant firm must be a legal entity.

-The Consultant firm must have experience in at least one contract in transport infrastructure sector in the amount of 1,500,000 EUR in the last 5 years.

-The Consultant firm must have experience in at least two contracts in inland waterways transport (IWT) infrastructure sector, out of which at least one contract must be related to inland ports in the past 5 years.

- Consultant must have relevant international experience in providing consultancy services in implementation of IWT infrastructure projects in similar conditions of work (e.g. countries in Central and Eastern Europe or in Western Balkans). Required technical capacity of the Consultant firm will be examined for the relevant reference period. The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last 5 years from submission deadline.

- The Consultant firm must have at least 7 years of direct work experience in the area of organizational development and institutional development and working with public institutions in the republic of Serbia, EU accession setting or South-eastern Europe.

- The Consultant firm must have the experience in regard to international, EU and WB projects in last four (4) years.

- The Consultant is expected to have appropriate experience in supervision Services for similar projects prepared for international donors using FIDIC and/or WB and/or EIB Conditions of Contract. Experience in similar climatic conditions is essential and regional experience would also be an advantage.

As a proof, the Consultant firm shall prepare a table listing following information: name of the relevant similar assignment, short scope of work, year of contract's implementation, country/region, contact reference (name, e-mail, phone number).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the *World Bank's Procurement Regulations for 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.

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 (JV) and/or a subconsultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Furthermore, Expressions of interest of JVs will be evaluated based on the composition of JV submitted, whereas the experience of other firms not included in the JV will not be considered in the evaluation. The experience of any proposed sub-consultancy shall not be included in the evaluation. Key Experts' CV are not required and will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Quality and Cost-Based Selection* as set out in the Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of interest in **English language** must be delivered in a written form to the **email** below, by **July 14, 2021, 12:00 hours, noon**, local time.

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