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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development in Kosovo
Project Title: Agriculture and Rural Development Project (KARDP)
IDA, Credit No 5005 XK

Assignment Title: IRRIGATION SPECIALIST
Reference No.: KARP-CS-14

The Kosovo Agriculture and Rural Development Project (KARDP) is implemented by the MAFRD through an IDA loan agreement with the Government of Kosovo to help the MAFRD in improving institutional capacity and to help improve productivity of and access to markets by project beneficiaries in the horticulture and livestock subsectors of Kosovo.

Beside support to capacity building and agriculture production, the KARDP will also provide support to irrigation, as it is among priority sectors for agriculture and rural development in Kosovo. In order for the sector to help boosting agricultural productivity, it is necessary to revitalize the irrigation schemes that are currently operating, as well as strategically plan for expanding an economically, environmentally and financially sustainable irrigation sector. In the light of this, the project will support (i) the rehabilitation and modernization of Dukagjini-Radoniqi irrigation scheme and (ii) the development of a broad-based strategy and investment framework for the irrigation sector to guide future investments and management measures.

The KARDP is implemented through a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) established by the MAFRD, which is responsible for the daily management, administration, and coordination of project activities, including procurement, financial management, monitoring and evaluation (M&E) as well as public awareness of project activities.

The MAFRD is seeking an irrigation Specialist who will be attributed tasks to ensure effective and efficient implementation of activities under irrigation component of the KARDP within the PIU.

Responsibilities of the Irrigation Specialist

- Supervise the day to day implementation under the irrigation component
- Liaise with Radoniqi-Dukagjini Regional Irrigation Company (RDRIC) on the supervision (within the supervision working group) of the consultant
- Review engineering company reports and recommendations
- Advise client on modifications/variations for the works contract (where the consultant acts as site engineer)
- Ensure timely review by client of critical reports, processing of requests

- Support overall discussion with RDRIC regarding management information system and institutional modernization as per the project objectives
- Support data collection for M&E on the irrigation component
- Support documentation and filing of all relevant documents related to irrigation, including support for safeguards compliance and documentation
- Supervise activities implemented by the Irrigation Master Plan and Investment Framework (IMPIF) consultant
- Ensure coordination and liaison with all stakeholders (government agencies, companies, farmer organizations, irrigation companies, development partners) on the execution of the IMPIF tasks
- Facilitate regular roundtable discussions on strategic topics for irrigation development and management in the context of IMPIF
- Participate in (or initiate) regular irrigation coordination meetings for strategic direction setting in the company
- Support access by consultant to, and utilization of irrigation performance data from companies and ministry, ministry documents/plans/data
- Ensure coordination of irrigation activities under KARDP with other sub-programs (grants program)
- Support project manager and client in high level dialogue on irrigation strategy, linked with IMPIF
- Ensure coordination of IMPIF and irrigation activities under KARDP with basin water activities (and liaison with IMWC).

Qualifications

The Irrigation Specialist has to meet the following requirements:

- University degree relevant to the terms of reference with particular studies in hydro engineering, agriculture, irrigation and /or similar,
- Minimum 5 years general/professional experience and 2 years respectively specific/relevant experience in a similar field of activity; the candidate must have proven his (her) skills in irrigation sector development as a complementing field to agriculture and rural development,
- Experience in working with international organizations and other donors;
- Good communication and social skills; the candidate must show initiative and skills to be able to facilitate discussions and cooperation between various institutions related to the assigned tasks;
- Computer skills (Word, Excel, Power Point)
- Fluency in Albanian and English; knowledge of any other local language an advantage.
- Have a clean police record, dispose of all civil rights and no previous implication in embezzlement.

Period of Performance

The Irrigation Specialist will be hired on a 6-months trial basis with up to 40 working days, after which her/his contract will be confirmed. Upon confirmation, the contract will last until the closing date of the project, subject to satisfactory performance, but not exceed the duration of the MAFRD project. The assignment is expected to start in June 2018.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development now invites eligible Individual Consultants (“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 attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants \[under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants\] by World Bank Borrowers](#) dated January 2011 revised on July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant (IC) method set out in the above mentioned Consultant Guidelines, and following the above mentioned evaluation criteria, and the Regulation of Ministry of Finance -No. 05/2017 on the Amendments of Regulation MF-NO. 01/2016 on the Management of Borrowing Funds supplemented and amended by regulations. All terms and conditions for this assignment will be described in the contract.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours *i.e. 08:00 to 16:00 hours*.

Expressions of interest (CV) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **Monday 18th June 2018 at 12:00hrs**.

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