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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

Republic of Serbia

Serbia Accelerating Innovation and Growth Entrepreneurship (SAIGE)

Project ID No. P170185

Assignment Title:

NITRA Senior Consultant (Part-time), Reference No. SER-SAIGE-IC-CS-24-64

Serbia has received a loan from the World Bank (Bank), through the “Serbia Accelerating Innovation and Growth Entrepreneurship Project” (Project), to contribute to the country’s growth and competitiveness by improving (i) relevance and excellence of scientific research and (ii) innovative entrepreneurship and access to finance for enterprise growth.

Scope of Work

Following are the specific tasks and responsibilities of the engagement of the Consultant:

- Providing expert support to NITRA/PIU capacity building in emerging innovations related to RDIs and innovative startups participation and technology transfer with the international research and innovation organizations and networks, and further strategic exploring of potentials for increased absorption of the collaboration possibilities;
- Support the NITRA and PIU in the sound realization of the Subcomponent 1.2 RDI Reforms activities in regard to strategic networking of the participating RDIs and NITRA with European leading institutions, organizations, networks and research infrastructures;
- Provide effective high-level support to the management of the participating RDIs in mapping key international stakeholders, establishing links, building partnerships and networking with the European Commission and relevant directorates;
- Support the Project Manager and NITRA related to high-level strategic policy and legislative issues on science, research and development, innovation, technology transfer, research infrastructures, capacity building and networking;
- Participate in relevant conferences, workshops, meetings and training events, as required to fulfil tasked role;

- Perform other duties in support of Project implementation as required by the Project Coordinator, Project Manager and NITRA.

Timing and Duration

The Consultant will be engaged on a part-time basis until September 30, 2025. The expected initial time effort for the assignment is up to 10 working days (i.e., 80 hours) per month.

Required experience and qualifications

- PhD academic degree, preferably in technical or natural sciences;
- At least 15 years of relevant professional experience in Serbian research and/or academic sector;
- Previous experience in RDI or University/Faculty management positions will be considered as strong advantage;
- At least 5 years of experience in the international organizations, the European Commission, the World Bank, or other international organizations;
- Previous experience in public policy making and implementation in Serbian and European research and/or academic sector considered as strong advantage;
- Experience in strategic planning and performance management in RDIs or public institutions;
- Experience in preparing and chairing meetings and conferences aimed at networking and ensuring cooperation among research sector and public institutions;
- Excellent spoken and written English and Serbian.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above-referenced consulting services is posted on the website of the Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation (NITRA): <https://nitra.gov.rs/cir/inovacije/projekat-saige>.

The Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible 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 evaluation criteria for the assignment:

- Qualification and General experience (40 Points)
- Specific Experience relevant to the Assignment (60 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 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.

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 **December 16, 2024, 12:00 hours, noon**, local time. Interested consultants must provide **Cover Letter** and **CV** representing description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills (**scanned diplomas to be sent with CV**).

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