REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – (MSIP) Loan number: 7699-MK and 8158-MK

Project ID number: P096481

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: SMALL SIZE WASTEWATER TREATMENT IN RURAL AREAS

The Government of the Republic of Macedonia - Ministry of Finance, has received a Loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development – World Bank in the amount of 75 million American dollars, for implementation of the Municipal Services Improvement Project (MSIP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for technical assistance for selection of adequate sanitation and wastewater treatment in the rural areas for the municipalities which are enrolled under MSIP project.

The consulting services ("the Services") include preparation of: Analysis of the existing sanitation and wastewater treatment in the rural areas with population equivalent up to 10,000 in the Republic of Macedonia and detailed review of the technical documentation for sanitation and treatment of domestic wastewater in the subject settlements in 8 (eight) municipalities: Novaci, Rankovce, Debarca, Cheshinovo-Obleshevo, Novo Selo, Valandovo, Vasilevo and Prilep and if improvements are needed propose a sustainable technical and economic solution. The length of the assignment is approximately 72 working days. Detailed Terms of Reference can be found at the following link: http://www.finance.gov.mk/mk/node/1056

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. The short listing criteria are:

- The consultant firm has provided services under at least 3 projects in the field of preparation of designs, technical specifications, and bill of quantity and schedule of price for sanitation and construction of waste water treatment facilities out of which at least 1 project for small size and low cost wastewater treatment facilities.
- A brief description of the firm's organization should be submitted. The consultant should possess a mixed team of experienced staff. The overview of the required staff and its minimum qualifications is given bellow. CV's of the proposed experts should be attached, including proof of employment, number of years working for the firm/entity and projects working on. At least 2 permanent staff currently working in the field related to this contract.

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 January 2011 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants Qualifications method set out in the Consultant Guidelines. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 08:30 – 16:30 CET, Monday to Friday. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **May 25, 2016**.

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