

# **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:**

**RDI Reforms Senior Advisor (part-time individual consultant), Reference No. SER-SAIGE-IC-CS-22-39-2**

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.

## **Objectives of Engagement:**

The objective of Consultant’s engagement is to support and help streamline the implementation and monitoring of RDI transformation plans which are clearly linked with the timely achievement of specific targets and milestones and focused on enhancing the excellence and relevance of R&D activities of the participating RDIs for the private sector, society and economy. This process is expected to have important demonstration affect and provide impetus for more public RDIs to undertake such reforms in the future.

Therefore, a specific expertise within the PIU/Ministry of Science, Innovation and Technological Development is needed in order to secure smooth implementation and monitoring of the transformation plans with the engagement of RDI Reforms Senior Adviser (Consultant).

## **Scope of work:**

1. Support the Project Manager and PIU staff in managing the implementation of the Subcomponent 1.2 RDI Reforms and collaborating with institutions involved in the Project implementation to ensure the timely and sound realization of the Subcomponent 1.2 RDI Reforms activities and adherence to terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement and other relevant documents;
2. Support Project Manager and PIU staff to organize, co-ordinate, integrate, and monitor operations related to the Subcomponent 1.2 RDI Reforms, drafting and submission of relevant internal and external reports and briefings;
3. Support the Project Manager and PIU staff in coordination and communication with the management of RDIs under transformation, with international and local experts engaged in RDIs transformation, with advisors, consultants and capacity building

- providers to ensure that the support and framework provided to RDIs under the Project is well-aligned with their Transformation Plans;
4. In coordination with Project Manager, work closely with management of up to 20 RDIs under transformation at any given time on providing effective high-level support to their transformation process in regard to targets and milestones, monitor their progress, including identification of drawbacks and proposal of mitigation measures;
  5. In coordination with Project Manager capture emerging needs of the RDIs in the process, propose improvements of the transformation process and act on timely achievement of the Project related preconditions underpinning reaching the transformation targets;
  6. Support the Project Manager in coordination with the Working Group on providing support to RDIs transformation process under the SAIGE Project related to high level strategic policy and legislative issues on science, research and development, innovation, technology transfer, research infrastructures, capacity building and networking closely related to the RDIs transformation process;
  7. Participate in the World Bank's missions and coordination with the external auditors, jointly with the PIU team;
  8. Participate in relevant conferences, workshops, meetings and training events, as required to fulfil tasked role;
  9. Perform other duties in support of Project implementation as required by the Project Manager.

### **Timing and Duration**

The Consultant will be engaged on a part-time basis for one year with the potential for extension based on performance and needs of the Project., with a probation period of 3 months.

The expected initial time effort for the assignment is approximately 15 working days (i.e., 120 hours) per month. The consultant agrees to be engaged in no more than 48 hours per week cumulatively for this assignment plus any additional assignments/contracts. Depending on the need there is a possibility of increasing the time effort.

### **Required qualifications:**

- Postgraduate academic degree (PhD or master's degree 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 Faculty management positions will be considered as strong advantage;

- Experience in at least three collaborative development projects funded by the World Bank, EU or other international organizations;
- 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;
- Excellent communication, organisation, and teamwork skills.

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:

- 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 **February 03, 2023, 12:00 hours, noon**, local time. Interested consultants must provide **Cover Letter (name and reference number of the assignment to be indicated in the email)** 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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