

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:

- **PIU Legal Consultant (Part-time), Reference No. SER-SAIGE-IC-CS-20-10**

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:

Without limiting the generalities of the foregoing, the following are the specific tasks and responsibilities of the Legal Consultant:

- Support the MoESTD/PIU responsible for the implementation of Component 1: Research Sector Reforms and Component 3: Project Implementation of the Project and other PIEs responsible for the implementation of their Project Components;
- Participate in preparation of documentation related to legal matters within the SAIGE Project;
- Prepare procedures and documents for assurance of legal aspects of contract implementation, monitor and supervise contract implementation within the Components 1 and 3;
- Provide legal support in tasks closely related to the project subcomponent 1.2: RDI Reforms, implementation of the transformation plans of the participating RDIs and the related legal analysis and proposals for regulatory reforms, where needed;
- Provide legal support in tasks related to implementation of the Smart Specialisation Strategy and Action Plan;
- Prepare, review, adjust and monitor the legal preconditions for all procurement and other project related aspects of project implementation;
- Participating in project team meetings when needed, providing legal support;
- Support coordination of legal measures related to science, research and innovation policies and regulatory reforms (providing inputs, monitor adoption of necessary laws and by-laws, report to the MoESTD and PIEs about the developments in the regulatory environment);
- Preparation of the ad-hoc legal analysis and recommendations necessary in policy development, implementation and M&E, upon request of Project Coordinator, PIU Project manager and MoESTD;

- Preparation of other evaluation / analytical / policy papers and/or notes related to the coordination between the policy processes happening under the Project and the overall regulatory reform and other legal assignments;
- Perform other duties as required by the PIU Project Manager and PIEs;
- The Legal Consultant will conduct the work in line with the relevant Project documents including the Loan Agreement, Project Appraisal Document (PAD), Project Operations Manual (POM), Grant Manual, Environmental and Social Management Framework, Stakeholder Engagement plan.

The Legal Consultant will be engaged on a part-time basis for the duration of the Project with a probation period of 6 months. The current Closing Date of the Project is September 30, 2024.

The expected time effort for the assignment is up to 10 working days (i.e., 80 hours) per month.

Required qualifications:

- University degree in Law. A Master's Degree in Law appropriate for this assignment shall be an considered as an advantage;
- At least 7 years of relevant professional experience, with the background in scientific and research field is highly desirable;
- Experience in national and international legal assignments related to the programs and projects in scientific and research field;
- Minimum 5 years of professional experience in legal aspects of procurement in accordance with rules and procedures of International Financial Institutions and proficient knowledge and understanding of the public procurement principles;
- Excellent knowledge of the Republic of Serbia legislation pertaining to the RDI matters, with particular emphasis on the Law on Science and Research, Law on Science Fund, Law on Higher Education and Law on Innovation Activities and Public Procurement Law;
- Skills in policy designing in RDI field, including creating legal acts and regulations are highly desirable;
- Experience in co-operation between national and international officials of the Governments and other organizations and authorities;
- Excellent spoken and written Serbian and English;
- Excellent communication, organization, and teamwork skills;
- Advanced computer skills.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced consulting services is posted on the website of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development <http://www.mpn.gov.rs/konkursi-tenderi-2/>.

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 **December 08, 2021, 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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