

Country: Republic of Macedonia
Project: BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT REFORM AND INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROJECT
Financing: World Bank
Abstract: CONSULTING SERVICES: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STANDARDIZATION INSTITUTE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
Sector: Consultants
Loan/Credit Number: Loan No. 4793-MK, Project ID No. P079552
Contract/Bid Number: Expressions of interest
Deadline: 27.03.2008

The Government of Macedonia has received a loan in the amount of 8.8 million equivalents from the World Bank toward the cost of the Business Environment Reform and Institutional Strengthening Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for Technical Assistance to the Standardization Institute of the Republic of Macedonia.

The services include Developing Technical Specification for the procurement of Document Management System (DMS), Web Content Management System (WCMS) and Standards Repository System (SRS) and Terms of Reference for Associated Services. The required level of effort of the assignment is estimated at 35 person days.

The Ministry of Economy- Project Coordination Unit now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

A consultant will be selected through the Selection Based on Consultants' Qualification (SBCQ) method in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines*: (May 2004).

The SBCQ selection evaluation criteria are:

- (I) Past experience of the firm related to the assignment - 40 points;
- (II) Qualification and organization of the firm - 40 points; and
- (III) Availability of qualified staff for the assignment - 20 points

REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSIGNMENT

Consultant can be a single organization or a joint venture. For a joint venture cumulative experiences of all partners will be taken into consideration. Consultant should demonstrate that it had executed at least one project with similar nature and similar size within last five years. Consultant will appoint a Key Expert for this assignment and the Key Expert will be the contact person on behalf of the consultant. CV of the Key Expert and will be part of the bidding document. Key Expert and at least IT Expert (other experts if necessary) will be available via phone and e-mail.

QUALIFICATIONS THE KEY EXPERT

The consultant shall be selected through the Selection Based on Consultants' Qualification (Guidelines 2004) which should possess the following qualifications:

Engineering degree (MA, LLM or higher will be an asset);

Demonstrated expertise in standardization and related activities at least 5 years, in terms of planning, specifying and budgeting;

Demonstrated knowledge of EU standardization practices;

Experience in formulating and designing bidding documents for procurement;

Regional experience and knowledge of World Bank procurement methods (QC and ICB) is an added advantage;

Computer literate is a must;

Fluency in English is a must

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during 0800 to 1500 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **27.03.2008**

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