

REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY EITI ALBANIA EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE SECRETARIAT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES– FIRMS SELECTION)

ALBANIA SUPPORT TO EXTRACTIVES INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCIES INITIATIVE COMPLIANCE PROCESS Grant No.: TF0A6493

Assignment Title: Consultancy Service for Information, sensibilization and consultation activities with all stakeholders MSG, Extractives companies, CSO on BO implementation and Legal / Regulatory changes on EI Transparency and Creating a public beneficial ownership Register

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): ALBEITI/CS/CQ/F.1

This request for expressions of interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in Development Business online No. WB3513-03/19 of March 15, 2019.

The Government of Albania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include production of a scoping study on developing mechanism that sets out how beneficial ownership reporting data requirements should be collected and published and developing a public Beneficial Ownership register. The objective of the assignment is to i) Identify the current legal and regulatory framework and practices related to company reporting on ownership information, ii) Map the companies that will be required to publish their beneficial owners in accordance with the EITI Standard, iii) Assess of the institutional capacity of government agencies currently collecting company data to facilitate beneficial ownership data collection, iv) Provide recommendations for the methodology of data collection and suggest which institutions could be suitable platforms for implementing the MSG/government's objectives related to beneficial ownership; v) Develop and finalize a public Beneficial Ownership register template; vi) Provide workshop presentations for MSG, EITI Albania and other stakeholders on the Register template. The implementation period of the Contract is estimated to be 5 months from the contract signature.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: <u>www.albeiti.org</u>.

The Albanian EITI Secretariat 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 evaluation criteria are:

- (i) general qualifications and experience of the Consultant, including core business and years in busines;
- (ii) description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions ; and
- (iii) technical and managerial capability of the Consultant and availability of appropriate skills among staff.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at this stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, revised November 2017 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualification based Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8.00 a.m. to 16.30 p.m. from Monday to Thursday and 08.00 a.m. to 14.00 on Friday.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by August 4, 2020.

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