REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

*COUNTRY*– Republic of Kosovo

NAME OF PROJECT-Fostering and Leveraging Opportunities for Water Security Project (FLOWS)

Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for Development of the Kosovo National Water Resources Investment Preparation Study (WRIPS)

IDA Credit No. 6636-XK

Project ID No. 169150

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): FLOWS-CS-QCBS-01

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**Background**

The Government of Kosovo has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Fostering and Leveraging Opportunities for Water Security Project (FLOWS) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the preparation of an updated assessment of priority actions and investment needs required for the development of water storage and other new dams and accompanying infrastructure to improve the water sector of Kosovo. The activity will allow the water authorities to translate the Strategy into a cohesive set of well-justified concrete projects which are considered as a priority for the country in order to ensure a water secure future for the people, economy and the environment.

Duration of the assignment is expected to be 18 months, from consultancy contract award to finalization of reports.

The estimated budget for the assignment is Euro 1,185,000 inclusive of local taxes (VAT).

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment: can be obtained at the address given below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10K4L3fX8WYriqpWhpTdoDPhMahzqxnI5/view?usp=share_link>

The Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure 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 Consultant is expected to fulfill the following minimum requirements:

* At least 10 years of operations proven by evidence/registration from business registry. This is applicable for each member in case of a consortium.
* The Consultant and/or any of the consortium members must have at least 10 Years of Experience preferably acquired through international projects in strategic planning of water related infrastructure projects.
* At least one assignment was executed successfully in the last five (5) years related to development of water resources investment planning based on analytical tools and participatory approaches preferably at a comparable scale of this assignment.

The shortlisting evaluation criteria are:

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| **Criteria** | **Weight** |
| Demonstrated track record of consulting services with preparation of project documentation for investment planning projects related to water resources and water storage | 70% |
| Number of similar contracts implemented in the last 5 years | 30% |

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Successful Consultant must register in Kosovo as a condition for contract signature according to the legislation, or in case of a consortium, at least one of the members of the consortium must be registered in Kosovo.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting 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 and Aug 2018 for the supply of goods, works, and non-consulting and consulting services 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 **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 08:00 to 16:00 hours (Monday to 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 April 24, 2023.

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