

MONTENEGRO Ministry of Capital Investment

Second Energy Efficiency Project - MEEP 2

Request for Expressions of Interest

Consultant for the development of the operation manual, of the long-term sustainable financing mechanism for the energy efficiency projects

Loan No: 8870-ME

Reference No. MNE-MEEP 2-8870-ME-CQ-CS-22-2.2

(Extended: June 21, 2022)

The Government of Montenegro has received a loan in the amount of EUR 6 million from the International Bank for Reconstruction Development (IBRD) toward the cost of the **Second Energy Efficiency Project-MEEP 2**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for consulting service to the engagement of the "Consultant Firm for the development of long-term sustainable financing mechanism" with the task to recommend the most suitable long-term mechanism for Montenegro. The Consultant developed the report "Detailed design of selected long-term sustainable financing mechanism". Based on findings from report, the wider stakeholders selected the mechanism: Energy Saving Capture (for central government buildings) and the Energy Efficiency Revolving Fund (EERF), with stimulation of ESCO mechanism (for profitable projects) for other EE projects in the public sector and for replication in other sectors (e.g. services, commercial, residential, SMEs) as a most suitable and they agreed the proposed mechanism should be established and implemented in Montenegro.

The objective of the Consultancy assignment is development of the operation manual, internal acts and documentation required for set up, management and operation of the long-term sustainable financing mechanism for the Energy Efficiency projects. Namely, The Consultant will review the documents developed under the MEEP_2 project that leads to the development of the Report "Detailed design of selected long-term sustainable financing mechanism", other relevant Montenegrin institutional, policy, legal and regulatory acts that are relevant for these assignment, and as well to review the initiatives at Western Balkans and other regions that had a goal to support set up of climate finance innovation facilities (e.g. energy efficiency grands, environmental protection funds, EE and renewable energy projects, etc.) and developed related documentation (i.e. internal rules, operational guidelines, Investment criteria, associated TA activities)..

The Consultant will work closely with the project stakeholders: Eco Fund (Department for implementation and development of international and partner projects), Ministry of Capital Investments, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism and MEEP 2 Implementation Unit.

The estimated level of efforts for the assignment is 8 months from the date of contract signing.

*The detailed 'Terms of Reference (TOR)' for this Consultancy assignment can be requested at the addresses given below.

The **Ministry of Capital Investment** through the Technical Service Unit (**TSU**) now invites eligible **Consultant firms** ("the Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing above services. Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they have the required qualifications, key staff and relevant experience to perform the Services. Qualified consulting firms and their professional staff for this assignment should have extensive experience in the field of this consultancy services. The required minimum experience should be demonstrated by similar tasks performed and the proposed Key Staff /team, further described in **Terms of Reference**. Consultant firm may submit other documents considered important and which are not listed above, to justify general consultant's qualifications and qualifications relevant to the assignment.

Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. The associations should clearly indicate the form of the association (*Joint-venture*; *consortium*; *member in charge*; *other member/s and or sub-consultants*). Joint ventures should submit letters of intent indicating their intent to form a joint venture if awarded the contract and shall provide the above-mentioned information for each member of the joint venture. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 9-15 hours local time.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14 of the **World Bank's** *Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing (IPF) Borrowers', issued in July 2016, revised November 2017* setting forth the <u>World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.</u> A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection (CQ) method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form (Only by e-mail) to the addresses stated below and should clearly indicate in subject: Ref.No: MNE-MEEP_2-8870-ME-CQ-CS-22-2.2). Deadline for submission is July 5, 2022, 15,00h local time.

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