



MONTENEGRO
Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism
LAKE SKADAR-SHKODER INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM
MANAGEMENT PROJECT (LSIEMP)
Request for Expressions of Interest

Environmental Impact Assessment to the KAP waste dump site remediation options

Loan No. TF091939

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Background information

The Government of Montenegro and Government of Albania have received a GEF Grant, administered by the World Bank, focusing on Strengthening Joint Cooperation for Management of the Lake Skadar-Shkoder Ecosystem. The project complies with the strategy for bilateral cooperation on Skadar-Shkoder Lake defined in the Agreement for the protection and sustainable development of the Skadar-Shkoder Lake, signed by the former Ministry of Tourism and Environment (MTE) of Montenegro (present Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism - MSDT), and by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Water Administration (MEFWA) of the Republic of Albania.

One of the major threats to the Skadar Lake and one of the priority for Government of Montenegro identified by the conducted Transboundary Diagnostic analysis is elimination of contamination from the large industrial Aluminum factory upstream of the Lake in Montenegro. This site, referred to as "Kombinat Aluminijuma Podgorica" (KAP), is located 10 km south from Podgorica, capital of Montenegro.

Main objectives

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Consultant/firm is expected to carry out assignment in order to meet the national and Bank's requirements on environmental protection for the proposed investment. Specifically, the purpose of this study is (i) to determine the environmental baseline condition of site(s) and their corresponding region (micro and macro location) for waste treatment discussed in the Feasibility study; (ii) assess the likely impact that the option (and the alternatives) for investment proposed by the Feasibility study may have on the environment of the site and their corresponding region and public health; (iii) identify and estimate cost related mitigation measures and monitoring activities, and (iv) consult the public and main stakeholders in relation with the project benefits and the related environmental and social issues.

The organization of the environmental assessment and the content of the report will be specified by: (i) Law on EIA (latest update) particularly Rulebook on content of EIA elaborate and other related legislation in Montenegro; (ii) the World Bank Operational and Safeguard Policies OP/BP 4.01 on Environmental Assessment, World Bank Guidelines on Hazardous and Toxic Materials; and (iii) any relevant national environmental assessment and construction standards and regulations.

Scope of work

For the tasks detailed below, the EIA Consultant will visit the project location to collect necessary information and will be in constant coordination with appropriate local government authorities (Water, Environment, Public Health institutions) and/or research institutes for collecting and reviewing necessary environmental and social data (e.g., biodiversity, protected areas, noise; air, water, and sediment quality; land use and cultural heritage aspects, land ownership, water supply, etc.). During the project site visits particular attention should be paid to the local public (affected people) views on environmental and social effects imposed during the proposed (re)construction and its operation. The study area is the geographical area of Zetsko- Bjelopavlicka plain including Skadar Lake area and its aquatorium and immediate land surroundings and/or any other site and their corresponding region proposed by the FS.

Consultant firm shall be hired to perform the services in line with the Contract that include the following tasks:

- Brief outline of proposed location characteristics and description of proposed option for final remediation of the KAP waste dump site
- Legislative framework
- Description of Existing Ecological Conditions
- Determination of potential impacts of the proposed design for final remediation of the KAP waste dump site
- Analysis of Alternatives to the Proposed Site cleanup
- Environmental Management Plan (EMP)
- Public Consultations
- Report and Schedule

Duration:

It is anticipated that this assignment will need 4 person/months and that Consultant would complete the work over a maximum duration of 5 months during the period of January 1, 2012 –April 30, 2012.

Expressions of interest:

The LSIEMP 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.).

The Consultant team shall include professionals covering all skills and relevant experience (at least 10 years) required to carry out the described tasks. The selected team shall have knowledge of the current Montenegrin environmental legislation and procedures as well as the World Bank EA requirements, including experience on organizing public consultations. The team may include the following experts: (i) project leader (civil engineer with extensive experience in environmental management aspects related to hazardous waste operations); (ii) environmental engineer/specialist with expertise in water pollution control and pollutant cycles; (iii) limnology specialist; (iv) natural protection /biodiversity specialist (v) hydrology/hydrogeology (modeling) specialist.

Since translation and processing of any materials in Montenegrin language submitted to the Consultant by the Contractor is considered being sole responsibility of Consultant, participating firms are encouraged to hire qualified national environmental expert.

Consulting firm shall be evaluated on a basis of following requirements:

- General qualifications (Core business and years in business, Consultants' organization and capacities, Technical and managerial organization of the firm) – 20 points;
- Experience in similar projects (for every listed project please submit the following information: name of project, donator/investors, contract value, realization data, and contact info from donator/investor side) – 40 points;
- Proposed professional staff – 40 points.

Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. The associations should clearly indicate the form of the association (Joint-venture or sub-consultancy; member in charge; other member/s and or sub-consultants) and responsibility/role of each member in project implementation. 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.

Consultants may only submit one expression of interest. If a Consultant submits or participates in more than one expression of interest, such expressions will be disqualified. However, sub-consultants, including individual experts, may participate in more than one expression of interest only in the capacity of sub-consultants.

A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the selection based on Consultants Qualifications (CQ) procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers* (May 2004, revised in October 2006 and May 2010)."

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below, from 09:00 to 17:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the physical or electronic address below by **December 26, 2011**.

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