REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

STRENGTHENING CAPACITY OF REGULATORY REFORM UNIT OF THE ARMENIAN GOVERNMENT PROJECT GRANT N TF 011972

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: STRENGTHENING CAPACITY OF REGULATORY REFORM UNIT OF THE ARMENIAN GOVERNMENT ON REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

REFERENCE No. (AS PER PROCUREMENT PLAN): SCRRU C-2.3

The Republic of Armenia has *has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Strengthening Capacity of Regulatory Reform Unit of the Armenian Government Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services, the **Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)**, is aimed at building sustainable capacities in the Government that will result in better regulatory development and regulate the flow of new regulations by using RIA approach to minimize the burden of the new regulations that affects both businesses and citizens in Armenia.

The Project requires the services of the experienced International Consultant on the Regulatory Impact analysis to support the National Center for Legislative Regulation to make a comprehensive study of RIA and RIA related policies in the Republic of Armenia as well as best practices which would allow the Project to better direct and focus its capacity-building support.

The Consultant will assist the Client in developing an appropriate RIA method and institutional implementation strategy, testing of the RIA method and procedures during pilot RIAs, and building the capacities of Ministries as well to apply RIA implementation in Armenia.

"National Center for Legislative Regulation" PIU at the Government Staff of RA and Foreign Financing Projects Management Center of the RA Ministry of Finance (FFPMC) now invite eligible Individual consultants ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Service. Interested Consultants should provide their CV, as well as other information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform above mentioned Services.

Implementation period of the assignment is about 6 months.

The qualification requirements

For the implementation of the assignment an individual consultant will be hired, who must meet the following qualification requirements:

- Higher education in social sciences/economics
- Extensive proven knowledge of and experience in Regulatory Impact Assessment;
- Demonstrated experience in carrying out reforms in regulatory assessment in similar consulting(s) for international agencies on the Regulatory Impact analysis sector and specialized subject area;
- Experience in conducting Regulatory Impact Assessment on a country or a regional level;
- Experience in Regulatory Impact Assessment in EU or EU countries is an advantage;
- Successful experience in working with international donor community is an advantage;
- Experience in Armenia and/or other FSU or/and Eastern Europe countries is an advantage;
- Excellent research, communication and presentation skills;
- Be proficient in English language.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans & IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers" (January 2011, revised July, 2014) ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

An individual consultant will be hired in accordance with the Section V "Selection of Individual Consultants" method procedures set out in the World Bank's "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans & IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers" January 2011.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 09:00 to 18:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by e-mail) by March 30, 2015, 18:00 (local time).

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