
**Consulting Services, ESIA Study
Integrated Water Resources Management**

**Deadline: August 14, 2015; 15:00
(Yerevan time)**

Country: Republic of Armenia

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Prequalification

Ref.: International, open Tender for an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), IWRM/ Akhouryan River

**Tenderer: “Water Sector Projects Implementation Unit” State Agency of
State Committee of Water Economy of the RA Ministry of Agriculture**

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Funding: KfW Development Bank (KfW) and the Republic of Armenia.
Contract award follows the current KfW **Guidelines for Assignment of Consultants in Financial Co-operation with Partner Countries** (see www.kfw.de).

Project measures:

The Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany agreed on financing the “IWRM/ Akhouryan - Project for Construction of Kaps Reservoir and Kaps Gravity Irrigation System (the Project)”. The Project concerns the completion of the construction of Kaps Dam and Reservoir and the respective Irrigation System at the Akhouryan River near Gyumri, Province of Shirak, which was started but not completed due to worsening of economic situation which followed the devastating Spitak earthquake in 1988 and the collapse of Soviet Union in 1991.

The Project Executing Agency (PEA) and Employer for the Consulting Services “Water Sector Projects Implementation Unit” State Agency of "State Committee of Water Economy of the RA Ministry of Agriculture" intend to engage an internationally operating consulting firm to execute an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA). The Consultant shall be independent, hired on a competitive basis and will not be connected to the Design and Implementation Consultant of the project, or the Contractor, or any other entity assuming a role which might cause a conflict of interest situation.

The ESIA shall be undertaken in accordance with Armenian laws and regulations, EU Directives, with international good practices as well as, but not necessary limited to the Sustainability Guidelines of KfW Development Bank, BMZ Guidelines on Incorporating Human Rights Standards and Principles, World Commission on Dams 2000 Guidelines, Safeguard Policies of the World Bank, Environmental, Health, and Safety (“EHS”) Guidelines of the World Bank Group, Standards and Guidelines of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Devel-

opment (OECD) and Standards and Guidelines of the International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD).

The ESIA study is based on the Initial Environmental and Social Screening undertaken during the Feasibility Study of the above mentioned project. Moreover, the assessment approach for the study should be iterative and include consideration of public consultation results and stakeholder comments.

Requested Consultant services:

The consulting services under the assignment comprise the following main activities inter alia:

- (i) Review and update of the Initial Environmental and Social Screening (IESS);
- (ii) Public Consultations and Communication and Compilation of a Stakeholder Forum and a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP);
- (iii) Critical review and update of the scoping process and the identification of key environmental and social issues and the ESIA terms of references;
- (iv) Legislative Review;
- (v) Establishment of a Community Liason Office;
- (vi) Preparation of an Environmental and Social Baseline Study;
- (vii) Development of an Impact Assessment Methodology;
- (viii) Determination of Environmental Safety of the Project as a result of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) according to Armenian law and determination of Environmental and Social Safety as a result of an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of the Project according to international standards for Environment Category "A" projects, i.e. projects that potentially have significant adverse environmental and social impacts;
- (ix) Cumulative and Transboundary Impacts;
- (x) Information Disclosure and Regulatory Approval Process including riparians/ trans-boundaries;
- (xi) Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for Socio-economic Impacts, Resettlement Policy Framework (RFP), Resettlement Audit, Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan (LARP), Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and Compensation Framework;

Preparation of an Environmental and Social Management Plan (Mitigation and Monitoring & Capacity Development Plan) (ESMMP) including Occupational Health and Safety (OHS), which will form part of the Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) in the construction and operation phase;

The consultancy services shall be rendered by a consortium of international and Armenian Consultants with the international Consultant as leading firm. International companies with qualified personnel, experienced in managing the environmental planning and assessment of large infrastructure projects, particularly in the area of water related infrastructures and in the region with a minimum annual turnover of 2 million € within the past 3 years may request additional information in English for preparing of pre-qualification documents for the above consultancy services.

The Invitation for Expressions of Interest document will be sent electronically only (by e-mail). No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery. The documents are free of charge.

The Invitation for Expressions of Interest may be obtained from Tender Agent – **Mr. Walter Klemm** at Walter.klemm@gmx.de

