

Request for Expressions of Interest for

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANCY' COMPANY FOR DESIGNING, IMPLEMENTING AND ORGANIZING TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PROFESSIONALS INCLUDED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE (ECEC)

Ref.no. MK/SSIP # 2.2.22

Republic of North Macedonia
Social Services Improvement Project (SSIP)
IBRD Loan No. 8902-MK
Project ID No. P162246

Consulting Services: International consultancy' company for designing, implementing and organizing training program for professionals included in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)

Expressions of Interest

Republic of North Macedonia has received loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract no.: MK/SSIP # 2.2.22 for International consultancy' company for designing, implementing and organizing training program for professionals included in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC).

The objectives of this assignment are supporting the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy (MLSP) in the process of improving the quality of preschool services in the Republic of North Macedonia through designing and implementing of national ECEC preschool professionals program.

The detailed TOR (Terms of reference) for the assignment is posted on the website of the Ministry at <https://www.ssip.mk/oglasj/>

The consultant firm shall possess the following relevant qualification

- Minimum 10 years of international work experience in educational program design, research, and training.
- The consultant should have performed at least three assignments in the past seven years, similar to the one described in the specific request for expression of interest (name of the assignment, description, duration, contract amount, reference). The list shall be supported with certificates on fulfilled contract obligations.
- Experience in educational program design, research, and training of preschool professionals.

- Experience in carrying out trainings for preschool professionals and professional advancement in competencies.
- Expert knowledge in developing training modules and materials, and able to deliver specialized trainings to the targeted audience.
- Fluency in English (oral and written).
- Knowledge of the country educational context and early childhood education and care frameworks will be considered an asset.
- Experience in conducting research involving childhood development will be considered an asset.

The Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of the Republic of North Macedonia (MLSP) 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 (company portfolio, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. The “association” may take the form of a Joint Venture or a sub consultancy. In case of a Joint Venture (JV), all members of the JV will be evaluated jointly for the purpose of short listing and shall be jointly and severally liable for the assignment and shall sign the contract in case of award is made to that JV group. The qualifications of the sub-consultant shall not be taken into consideration. Interested consultants should clearly indicate the structure of their “association” and the duties of the partners and sub consultants in their application. Unclear expression of interests in terms of “in association with” and/or “in affiliation with” and etc. may not be considered for short listing. Keeping one expression of interest per firm as principle, a consultant firm may decide whether it wishes to participate as a sub consultant or as an individual consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. Please note that a firm shall submit only one EOI in the same selection process either individually as a consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. No firm can be a sub consultant while submitting an EOI individually or as a partner of a joint venture in the same selection process. A firm, if acting in the capacity of sub consultant in any consultant or JV, may participate in more than one consultant, but only in the capacity of a sub consultant.

Selection method and contract: The selection method is “Quality and Cost Based Selection” and the contract shall be Time Based according to the World Bank Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing (IPF) Borrowers – Procurement in IPF of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, (Regulations) issued in July 2016, revised November 2017, www.worldbank.org.

Interested consultants may obtain further information from 08.30 to 16.30 hours at the following contact details: Maja Bundaleski, Procurement officer; E-mail: maja.bundaleski@mtsp.gov.mk.

Expressions of interest should be delivered by mail on the following mail address: maja.bundaleski@mtsp.gov.mk .

Final date for submission of expression of interest is March 7, 2022.