

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

COUNTRIES: Western Balkan/Republic of Croatia

PROJECT TITLE: SAVA AND DRINA RIVER CORRIDORS INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (SDIP)-Phase 1, Part 4 – Regional cooperation

PROJECT ID: P175192

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: Hydrological Study for the Sava River Basin

REFERENCE No. (as per Procurement Plan): HR-ISRBC-343710-CS-QCBS

The International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC) has received financing, by signing the Grant Agreement with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), which acts as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), for the GEF Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program (SDIP), toward the cost of the implementation of the Component 4 - Regional cooperation of the SDIP, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services (“the Services”).

The Services include the development of the Hydrological Study for the Sava River Basin and a web-based tool for its presentation. The development and expected results of a joint hydrological study, based on a comprehensive basin-wide methodology, will significantly contribute to all activities of the ISRBC and the riparian countries, i.e. river basin and flood risk management, navigation safety, sediment management, droughts/low flows analysis, groundwater analysis, and climate change adaptation. This will improve hydrological and meteorological data management in the Sava River basin, considering current climate variability and future climate change. The planned implementation period is 23 months from the commencement date, which is anticipated for the first quarter of 2025.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the primary procurement stage for the assignment can be found at the ISRBC website: www.savacommission.org.

ISRBC now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Details on required Consultant Qualifications:

1. The core business of the Consultant should encompass the development of hydrological and meteorological studies and the configuring of web-based tools for the presentation of spatial and alphanumeric information and analysis with demonstrated evidence of at least fifteen (15) years of general experience in implementing similar types of projects. Experience with projects funded by donors such as the World Bank and other IFIs, the EU or similar entities will be considered as an added advantage.
2. The Consultant must provide evidence of at least three (3) successfully completed contracts similar to this Assignment in the last ten (10) years, demonstrating a proven record of scope, complexity, and value. References for the listed assignments should be provided. Previous assignments of a similar nature in the region will be considered as an added advantage.
3. The Consultant must demonstrate solid technical and managerial capabilities of the firm providing only the structure of the organization, general qualifications, and availability of appropriate skilled key experts¹.

¹ No need to provide CVs of key experts. The key and non-key experts will be evaluated at next stages of procurement procedure.

The shortlisting criteria are:

<i>a) Overall experience relevant to the assignment –</i>	<i>35</i>
<i>b) Similar contracts to demonstrate specific experience –</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>c) Firm Organization and availability of key experts –</i>	<i>15</i>
	<i>Total weight: 100 points</i>

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” (dated *November 2020* - “Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

The Consultant will be selected under the provisions of the “World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (“Procurement Regulations”), in investment project financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services – dated *November 2020*”, based on the method of Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Lump Sum Contract.

Further information can be obtained at the email addresses stated below.

Expressions of interest should be prepared in English and delivered in pdf format by e-mail to the address isrbc@savacommission.org (cc: procurement_sdip@savacommission.org), marked as: “Expression for Interest - activity: Hydrological Study for the Sava River Basin” by September 27, 2024 (until 1 p.m. Central European Time).