

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)**

**Republic of Serbia
Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development (MoESTD)
INCLUSIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE PROJECT
Loan No. IBRD86930**

The Republic of Serbia has received financing from the World Bank (Bank) toward the cost of the Inclusive Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan funds to payments under the contract:

**PROJECT ARCHITECT
(full term consultancy)
reference number: SER-ECEC-8693YF-IC-CS-18-18**

Jointly with other members of the Component 1 team, the Project Architect will support implementation of the Project Component 1.

Specific tasks and responsibilities of the Project Architect are:

- Provide technical support to the Project Component 1 team and to MoESTD in relation to the procurement of works, goods and services within the Component 1;
- Provide overall technical assistance to the selected construction, reconstruction or upgrading projects, from their planning to implementation and monitoring;
- Ensure that all design work and specifications are developed in accordance with the construction norms of the Republic of Serbia;
- Preparing the Terms of Reference and/or technical specifications for procurement of goods, works and services, per request of the Project Coordinator for Component One;
- Participate in monitoring of preparation of the designs of the model kindergartens and in further adjustments of the specific projects;
- Review project proposal, checking technical accuracy (including if all planning and building approvals required by the Republic of Serbia legislation are obtained) and cost effectiveness of the project proposals;
- Ensure that effective quality control systems are in place and that contractors work is in compliance with technical specifications and quality standards of the Republic of Serbia and the World Bank;
- Monitor and supervise contract implementation and on-site works from his/her field of expertise;
- Upon request of the Project Coordinator for Component One, visit and review construction sites and provide technical input;

- Regularly reporting to the Project Coordinator for Component One on on-site projects implementation;
- Providing technical advice from his/her field of expertise on issuing provisional and/or final acceptance certificates for works on each site;
- Assisting the Project Coordinator for Component One in producing the overall project implementation reports to the MoESTD and the World Bank;
- Other tasks related to the Project at the request of the Project Coordinator for Component One, PMU Director and/or the MoESTD official responsible for the Project.

For the Project Architect following is **required**:

- University degree in the field of architecture;
- Possession of professional license;
- At least 7 (seven) years of relevant professional experience in civil engineering, including experience in architectural design, preparation of technical documentation, participating in designing various building construction projects, monitoring on-site works, etc;
- Excellent knowledge of the Republic of Serbia legislation pertaining to the civil works;
- Experience in the process of obtaining necessary legal permits for civil works;
- Experience in site monitoring teams and ability to address and manage all aspects of monitoring of a construction (legal aspects, procurement, law and knowledge of construction contracts, etc.);
- Excellent and proven experience in dealing with contractors and local partners;
- Working experience in the area of preparation, implementation and monitoring of (re)construction projects;
- Familiarity with the World Bank procurement procedures is preferable;
- Previous experience in the World Bank financed civil work projects is preferable;
- Thorough computer literacy (Windows, MS Office, MS Project, Internet);
- Good command of design and rendering packages (CAD, image enhancement, etc.);
- Excellent writing, communication, and data manipulation skills;
- Fluency in Serbian and good command of English, including oral and written reporting abilities.

The Consultant shall provide full time services for the life of the project, i.e. until December 30, 2022, with a probationary period of six (6) months. Expected start of services is September 2018.

The Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above services. Interested consultants must provide **Cover Letter** and **CV** representing description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills.

The following selection criteria with corresponding points will be used for the evaluation procedure:

Qualifications	20 pts
Working experience relevant to the assignment	50 pts
Knowledge of Serbian and English language and computer skills	30 pts

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 and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers January 2011, revised 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

The consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultants method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information from the CFU at the address below from 08:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of interest **in English language** must be delivered to the e-mail address below by **September 06, 2018, 12:00 Noon**, local time.

When submitting Expressions of interest **please indicate assignment and reference number for which you are applying.**

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