

REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
SERBIA RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROJECT
Grant No. EC TF 019226

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR
INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES

SERBIA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW CONSULTANT (IP LAW CONSULTANT)

The Republic of Serbia has applied for financing for a Grant from European Union Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA), administered by the World Bank (WB) toward the cost of the Serbia Research, Innovation and Technology Transfer Project (Project) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for individual consultancy services under this Project.

The Innovation Fund of the Republic of Serbia (IF) needs to engage one Individual Serbia Intellectual Property Law consultant (IP Law consultant).

Background

A Technology Transfer Facility (TTF) is being established at the IF which will support the four existing Technology Transfer Offices (TTOs) – in University of Belgrade, Novi Sad, Nis and Kragujevac, and other stakeholders in identifying research with commercial potential, connecting such opportunities with markets and prospective business partners, and executing commercialization of such R&D. The objective of the TTF will be two-fold: to monetize the inventions from research institutes and universities (principally from the four TTOs); and help the staff at the TTOs gain expertise in commercialization through real-life experience. The transactions team at the TTF, headed by the Lead Transactions Specialist, will consist of professionals with international expertise and at least one member the Business Operations Specialist with deep regional expertise, will be responsible for commercialization of inventions and closing deals. The TTF will engage a Technology Transfer Coordinator to be responsible for both running of the TTF as well as working closely with the TTOs, IF, transactions team and S&T experts to execute operations required for commercialization.

Objective of the Assignment

One of the key impediments to the commercialization of IP arising out of universities, institutes and R&D organizations is lack of clarity on IP ownership. Clarity on Intellectual Property legal framework and its proper interpretation is required as it relates to IP ownership. Therefore, the IF needs to engage an individual IP Law consultant. The IF needs to have an overview of national IP regulations, including laws, bylaws, as well as policies and procedures within Universities, Faculties, Institutes and R&D organizations governing IP ownership. Thorough review and analysis of relevant laws and institutional policies at various institutes and universities would contribute to better understanding of IP ownership, lead to identification of real cause for confusion related to IP ownership, and propose options to address those.

Scope of Work

IP regulations

- Review Serbian regulations referring to the Intellectual Property including but not limited to: Law on Innovation Activity, Law on R&D activity, Patent Law, Law on copyright and related rights etc., Trade Secrets, laws regulating governments contracts, as appropriate;
- Analyze IP statutes and regulations on Universities and relevant R&D organizations (IP ownership, revenue sharing, etc.);
- Analyze current operating procedures between R&D organizations, universities, and TTOs and identify areas where they are in conflict with national laws and recommend options for resolving these issues;
- Recommendations on how the TTOs and relevant R&D organizations can effectively operate under the current legal framework;

- Propose options that lead to clear, unambiguous and uniform national policy on ownership of intellectual assets arising out of research from institutes and universities. These options may include changes in national law if necessary, or an administrative ordinance or a change in policy of certain/all institutes or universities;
- A brief overview of international legislation on the topic (particularly Bayh Dole Act of the US and relevant European model), if needed to compare/contrast good practices/laws with the Serbian situation;
- Evaluate the above mentioned options and explain the pros and cons of the options and provide recommendation on the ideal option;
- If needed, study distribution aspects i.e. division of proceeds arising out of commercialization of IP;
- After completion of the above tasks requiring immediate attention, advise on Memorandum of Understanding between local TTOs and TTF.

Experience and Qualifications

- University degree in Law;
- Additional education in the field of Intellectual Property Rights focusing on patents and copyrights;
- At least 5 years of relevant working experience in providing consulting services in relevant IP field, including technology licensing for universities, research institutes/organizations or sponsoring organizations of R&D;
- Strong knowledge of the Serbian legal framework;
- Knowledge of Serbian IP laws is a plus;
- Knowledge of the R&D sector operations is desirable;
- Knowledge and/or experience in the innovation field is highly desirable;
- Excellent spoken and written Serbian and English language skills;
- General word processing skills as they relate to preparing a report.

Timing and Duration

The IP Law consultant will be engaged for 20 man-days in the period of 1.5 month. During the course of the assignments, it is planned that the IP Law consultant will mainly spend time in Serbia.

When not traveling to Serbia, the IP Law consultant is expected to be available to telecommute and work from home.

The assignment is envisaged to start in July 2015.

The IF now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services.

The individual consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers January 2011 Revised July 2014.](#)

Interested and eligible individual consultants for this position should send expression of interest, together with information on relevant experience and CV, by e-mail to the contact information listed below.

Expressions of interest must be delivered by July 02, 2015, 12:00 Noon, local time.

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