

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES- FIRMS SELECTION)**

**REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
SERBIA RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROJECT
Grant No. EC TF 019226
Assignment Title: Legal Advisory Services**

The Republic of Serbia has received 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 for consulting services.

Objective of the Assignment

The TTF will provide commercialization advice services and access to a commercialization fund for improving technological readiness of R&D projects. It is envisaged that a portion of R&D projects disclosed to the TTF will be eligible to receive financial support. In order to support the TTF objectives, monetizing inventions and gaining commercialization skills, the IF needs to engage a consulting firm (Consultant) that will assist with various aspects of law, by acting in accordance with the local regulation and best international practice.

Experience and Qualifications

The Consultant must possess following qualifications:

- The Consultant shall be an entity providing legal services, registered in the Republic of Serbia, with at least two contracts of a similar complexity in the last three years;
- The Consultant shall be capable to provide 4 key staff (all passed bar exam, at least one with general legal experience of minimum 15 years) with adequate qualifications for this contract (qualifications of key personnel will be jointly taken into consideration i.e. qualifications of key personnel as a group will be evaluated) as follows:
 - at least 3 years of experience in the Republic of Serbia providing legal support in early stages of institutional development in the relevant field,
 - at least 4 years of experience in intellectual property according to Serbian law,
 - at least 4 years of experience in data protection and Internet law according to the Serbian law and best European practices,
 - at least 5 years of experience in corporate law according to Serbian law and best international practices,
 - at least 3 years of experience in employment according to Serbian law and best international practices,
 - at least 5 years of experience in dispute resolution according to Serbian law.
- The Consultant must be insured from professional liability.

Timing and Duration

The Consultant can expect to be engaged up to 90 days over a period of approximately 2 years until the closing date of the Project which is January 31, 2018. The assignment is envisaged to start in January 2016.

The IF now invites eligible Legal Advisory Firms to indicate their interest in providing the services.

The Legal Advisory Firm 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 Legal Advisory Firm for this position should send Expression of Interest in English by e-mail to the contact information listed below.

Expressions of interest from eligible firms/ joint ventures (consortia) should specify the following relevant information:

- (i) Short introduction of the firm/joint venture (consortium);
- (ii) Core business;
- (iii) Qualifications in the field of the assignment (in case of a “joint venture (consortia)”, such evidence is required for all members of the “joint venture (consortia)”, while in case of a sub-consultancy, it is required only for the leading firm);
- (iv) Technical and managerial organization of the firm;
- (v) General qualifications and number of relevant key staff.

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 July 2014., setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Expressions of interest must be delivered by **January 15, 2016, 12:00 Noon, local time in electronic format to the following e-mail ljliljana.krejovic@inovacionifond.rs ,Cc: office@inovacionifond.rs.**

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