

**REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
INNOVATION FUND
INNOVATION SERBIA PROJECT
Project ID No. P126229-RE**

**DEADLINE EXTENSION
from July 23, to July 31, 2012
FOR SUBMISSION
OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR
INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES**

PEER REVIEWER(S)

The Republic of Serbia has received financing in the amount of EUR 8.4 million equivalent a Grant from European Union Instrument for Pre-Accession (hereinafter: IPA), administered by the World Bank (hereinafter: WB) toward the cost of the Innovation Serbia Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for individual consultancy services under this project.

The Innovation Fund (IF), needs to engage 10 Individual International Consultants as Peer Reviewers in the following area of expertise:

Ref. No. 1 / ENERGY & ENERGY EFFICIENCY - 2 consultants

Ref. No. 2 / CIVIL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS - 2 consultants

Ref. No. 3 / MECHANICAL ENGINEERING - 3 consultants

Ref. No. 4 / INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (ICT) - 2 consultants

Ref. No. 5 / FOOD SCIENCE – 1 consultant

Objective of the Assignment

Peer reviewers will provide technical expert evaluation of the project proposals submitted for financing in accordance with the program evaluation criteria.

Scope of work

The general functions and responsibilities of the peer reviewer are:

- Evaluating of detailed project proposals based on the evaluation criteria listed in the Grant manuals and in line with the Review Guidelines
- Submitting the comments and scores for the project in the Review Evaluation Form, to the IF Project Manager

Experience and qualifications

The person suitable for this position should have the following qualifications:

General Qualifications and experience (minimal requirements)

- Advanced university degree in science or engineering

- At least 5 years of work experience in the field of applied research
- Experience in conducting peer review
- Fluency in English
- Good computer skills (Office programs).

Specific Qualifications and experience

- Proven experience in R&D project management in any of the following fields: energy and energy efficiency, civil engineering and construction materials, mechanical engineering, information and communication technologies and food processing (experience in managing implementation of R&D grants, experience in conducting collaborative research)
- Proven advisory skills - preferred industry consulting experience (memberships in advisory bodies, mentoring experience, industry employment or joint projects is preferred)
- Excellence in academic and/or industry R&D(experience in conducting cutting-edge research in the field of interest, publications in leading journals, patents, invited lectures at leading conferences)

The evaluation of candidates will be done in 2 phases. Only candidates that pass all requirements from the first phase (general qualifications) will be considered for the second round of evaluation where specific qualifications and experience are to be evaluated.

Timing and Duration

Selected peer reviewers would sign consultancy contracts with IF and would be engaged approximately 5 days per year for the period of around 2 years. **It is expected that up to 10 project proposals will be assigned per peer reviewer per call for proposals (expected twice a year). Assignments will be delegated as needed.**

The assignment is expected to start in September 2012.

The Innovation Fund 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).

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

Interested consultants are required to specify for which position they are applying for in the subject of the e-mail.

Expressions of interest must be delivered by July 31, 2012.

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