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“Regional Challenge Fund” Project

– hereinafter referred to as the “Project” –

CALL FOR PRESELECTION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES

Ref. no: RCF/MNE/NC/2023/001-CfP

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The Western Balkans 6 Chamber Investment Forum – WB6-CIF (hereinafter called “Recipient”) has received financing from KfW Development Bank (“KfW”) in the form of a financial contribution (hereinafter called grant) toward the cost of the Regional Challenge Fund project. The “Regional Challenge Fund” (the ‘RCF’) is a distinct facility set up to strengthen the labour market relevance of vocational training (VET) particularly through support to VET projects that are jointly implemented by vocational training institutes and partner enterprises (cooperative training approach) in the Western Balkans 6 countries. In addition to advisory support, envisaged improvement of infrastructure is imperative for successful operation of VET. Schools need to have “working” space where students can practice what they learn in theory. However, not all schools have these working spaces. Very often they do not have a working space for each profile they offer, and those that do often lack the necessary equipment for adequate preparation of students for working in the enterprise.

Therefore, the main two activities will concern the following:

- Construction and/or rehabilitation of VET relevant infrastructure. The re/construction of buildings is strictly limited to those buildings effectively used for practical training (e.g., workshop building and/or laboratories).
- Procurement of standard equipment and tools to ensure a reasonable minimum standard of practical training at the VTI.

The IPC - Internationale Project Consult GmbH, acting as the implementing agency on behalf of the Recipient, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this grant to eligible payments under the contract for which this Call for Preselection is issued.

The selected Consultant shall be hired to **perform the following tasks:**

- 1) preparation of technical documentation for reconstruction of facilities;
- 2) supervision of reconstruction works;
- 3) organisation of on-the-spot visit(s) to construction sites during defects liability period, where required.

Locations of the assignment are: Javna ustanova Srednja mješovita škola “Danilo Kiš” in Budva and JU Elektrotehnička škola “Vaso Aligrudić” in Podgorica.

Renovation of the planned spaces is needed for the adequate use of the planned facilities. This includes, depending on the location: all necessary installations such as electrical installation, IT installation, water supply, ventilation, doors, walls, repairing of flooring.

The selected Consultant is expected to complete services on preparation of technical documentation within 2 months from contract signature, and supervision services during the construction activities and defects liability period.

The WB6-CIF through the Fund Management Unit (FMU) now invites Consultant firms (“the Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing above services. Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. FMU may request relevant supporting documentation for preselection criteria, as deemed appropriate.

The preselection criteria are:

- 1) financial and economic capacity:
 - average annual turnover for the last three (3) financial years for which the accounts have been closed must be at least EUR 30,000.00.
 - current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) for the last financial year for which the accounts have been closed must be at least 1.

2) professional capacity:

- valid licence for design and construction supervision, according to the national legislation of Montenegro;
- at least two permanent staff in the field related to these services (i.e., at least one licenced employee for preparation of technical documentation for construction activities and at least one licenced employee for supervision of construction works).

3) technical capacity:

- at least two (2) references in the last three (3) calendar years (2020, 2021 and 2022), in the fields of preparation of technical documentation for construction activities and supervision of works. The Consultant should provide clear overview of conducted relevant services. Overview must include: detailed data on entity for which services are prepared, description of service, value of the contract for performed services (for ongoing contracts, the Consultant should indicate portion implemented until the date for submission of expression of interest), information on the project realization dates, as well as entity's contact person.

Maximum five (5) interested Consultants who fulfil the above-mentioned criteria will be invited to tender. In case that more than five candidates comply with the requirements, candidates with the highest number of references related to construction activities in vocational training institutions (VTI) will be preselected for invitation to bid.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Least Cost Based Selection (LCS) method set out in the KfW Guidelines for the Procurement of Consulting Services, Works, Plant, Goods and Non-Consulting Services in Financial Cooperation with Partners, Version 2019, first update as of January 2021.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.3 of the KfW' Procurement Guidelines setting forth the KfW's policy on eligibility and conflict of interest.

Expression of interest and information required above must be delivered in English language, by e-mail to the address stated below. It must be accompanied by a signed cover letter, clearly stating the name of the company and the country of domicile. Subject should clearly indicate Ref. No: RCF/MNE/NC/2023/001-CfP.

Deadline for submission is 24 March 2023, 16:00h CET.

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