

# REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**Republic of Macedonia**

**Skills Development and Innovation Support Project**

Loan No. : 8332-MK

**Assignment Title:** Consulting services for development and design of the concept for secondary TVET

**Reference No. : 001-15/2.1.2**

The Republic of Macedonia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Skills Development and Innovation Support Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include technical assistance to the Government of Macedonia and the Ministry of Education and Science (MOES) to reform the 4 year Secondary Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) system and incorporate mechanisms for a quick response to the labor market demands adapting to changes in the market and in the demographic situation.

**Expected duration of the services is 36 months. The Terms of Reference are available on <http://mon.gov.mk/index.php/dokumenti/2014-07-30-12-00-34/sdis-proekt>**

The Ministry of Education and Science now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- **At least one project in the field of VET, including development of the Concept for modern TVET and development of occupational standards and Competency-Based Curriculum similar by scope and size in the last 5 years.**
- **Experience in assessment of the VET schools network.**
- **Experience in organizing and executing large scale trainings for public servants, government officials etc.**
- **Previous experience in the countries of former Yugoslavia will be considered as an advantage.**

*Individual experts’ bio data will not be a shortlisting criterion.*

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* (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The “association” may take the form of a Joint Venture or a sub consultancy. In case of a Joint Venture (JV), all members of the JV will be evaluated jointly for the purpose of short listing and shall be jointly and severally liable for the assignment and shall sign the contract in case of award is made to that JV group. Interested consultants should clearly indicate the structure of their “association” and the duties of the partners and sub consultants in their application. Unclear expression of interests in terms of “in association with” and/or “in affiliation with” and etc. may not be considered for short listing. Keeping one expression of interest per firm as principle, a consultant firm may decide whether it wishes to participate as a sub consultant or as an individual consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. Please note that a firm shall submit only one expression of interests in the same selection process either individually as a consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. No firm can be a sub consultant while submitting an expression of interests individually or as a partner of a joint venture in the same selection process. A firm, if acting in the capacity of sub consultant in any consultant or JV, may participate in more than one consultant, but only in the capacity of a sub consultant.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [08:30 to 16:30].

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 24 April 2015, 16:30 local time.

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