

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### ROMANIA

#### JUDICIAL REFORM PROJECT

#### Public Administration, Law and Justice

#### CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE “STRENGTHENING THE INSOLVENCY MECHANISM IN ROMANIA”

Loan No. /Credit No. 4811, Project ID No. P090309

The Ministry of Justice has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) towards the cost of Judicial Reform Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the Project to payments under the contract for “Strengthening the Insolvency mechanism in Romania”. The objectives of the assignment are (i) to systematize and correlate the legislative framework on insolvency (including pre – insolvency), to elaborate an Insolvency Code and (ii) to improve the insolvency (including pre – insolvency) related competences of the professionals concerned.

The Consultant is advised to provide the most suitable team of experts to fulfill the objectives of the assignment, which shall include key experts, i.e. Team Leader, Senior Law Specialist and Senior Training Specialist, and a team of specialists in the relevant fields of the activity.

The Consultant is expected to carry out the assignment within 14 months, including the period necessary for Final Report approval and payment processing. The Consultant will begin the assignment within one week after signing the contract.

The assignment should be carried out by a Consultant, which should meet the following qualification requirements:

- A firm with solid expertise in the insolvency field, with a minimum 5 (five) years of demonstrated experience and with the ability to engage a multi-disciplinary team required for such a complex and time-bound assignment;
- Demonstrated track record in conducting assessments on a similar scale in the judicial or commercial field;
- Relevant experience of conducting similar assessments in EU member states or candidate/potential candidate countries will be an advantage;
- Expertise in drafting of legislation or legal editorial background (publishing books, articles in law reviews related to insolvency or commercial matter).

The Ministry of Justice now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing consulting services for “Strengthening the Insolvency mechanism in Romania”.

Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services, respectively:

- general information: name, status, address, telephone number, fax number, year of establishment, contact person for the project, turnover for the previous five years, number of permanent staff and part-timers, fields of expertise, brochures;
- specific information: description of similar assignments, implemented in the last 5 years, in the above-mentioned fields of activity, inclusive a list of ongoing similar projects, mentioning the start and end dates and the personnel involved; information about published books, articles in law reviews related to insolvency or commercial matter;
- information regarding the team proposed to carry out the assignment and the general qualifications of the key staff.

Consultants may associate 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. Sub-consultant's experience shall not be taken into account at the time of short-listing. 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 Expressions of Interest (EOI) for 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 EOI 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.

The Consultant will be selected using QCBS method (Quality and Cost Based Selection) in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers](#), May 2004 (revised October 1, 2006 & May 1, 2010).

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours, from Monday to Friday - 09<sup>00</sup> to 17<sup>00</sup> hours, local time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 16<sup>00</sup> hours, local time**. The Consultant shall submit one original and one copy in the English language in one envelope marked “Expression of Interest for Consulting Services for Strengthening the Insolvency Mechanism in Romania”. Expressions of Interest received by e-mail address are accepted.

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