

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

**ROMANIA**

*Romania Secondary Education Project*

Loan Agreement No 8481-RO

**Assignment Title:** *Developing Evaluation of the Grant Schemes, including Impact Evaluation of High Schools Grants Scheme*

**Reference No.:** C 3/11.1

The *Government of Romania (GoR)* has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the *Romania Secondary Education Project*, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include *developing an evaluation process of the grant schemes (EGS), more specifically: an evaluation of the university grant schemes, with a special focus on summer bridge programs, and an impact evaluation of the high school grant scheme, financed and implemented under the ROSE project.*

The *Ministry of Education and Research - Unit for the Management of Externally Financed Projects* now invite 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:

- Proven previous experience in designing and implementing the evaluation of programs/ projects at national level (at least 5 years);
- Proven previous experience in designing and conducting evaluation and monitoring activities in large scale projects;
- Experience in design and/or implementation of at least three (3) projects at national level in education. Previous experience with World Bank and/or EU Projects is considered an advantage;
- Proven knowledge of Romanian education system, especially of the upper secondary and tertiary education.

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 and Grants by World Bank Borrowers"* dated *January 2011* (revised *July 2014*) (“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 subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A consultant company/organization will be selected in accordance with the Quality-and cost-based selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.](#)

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by [29<sup>th</sup> of November 2019, 4:00 P.M. Bucharest time.](#)

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