



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Rome, Italy

is requesting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from eligible companies in anticipation of a tender for the following services:

“Consulting Services for Land Consolidation Feasibility Studies in 12 Land Consolidation areas in Macedonia”

Date of REOI: **26/04/2018**

Closing Date for receipt of EOI: **7/05/2018**

Reference: **REOI 9300016/REUT**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) started implementation of the project “Mainstreaming of the National Land Consolidation Programme (MAINLAND)” to assist the Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Water Economy (MAFWE) of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in the implementation of the provisions of the National Land Consolidation Strategy adopted in 2012. This project included inter alia: developing expertise and strengthening the land consolidation capacity of local stakeholders, raising public awareness about the benefits of land consolidation and implementing the first round of land consolidation projects under the national programme.

OBJECTIVES

FAO is planning to establish a list of consulting companies qualified and interested in participating to a tender for the completion of a Feasibility Study (FS) on Land Consolidation (LC).

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

The objective of the current assignment is to conduct a Feasibility Study (FS) on Land Consolidation (LC) in the project areas indicated below:

Table 1: LC project areas

No.	Municipality	Village	Total LC project area (ha)	Number of land parcels	Number of property titles
1	Gevgelija	Stojakovo	469	2,451	1,152
2	Bitola	Logovardi	513	1,076	527
3	Bitola	Trn	329	850	249



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No.	Municipality	Village	Total LC project area (ha)	Number of land parcels	Number of property titles
4	Bitola	Opticari	630	1,282	338
5	Bitola	Zabeni	276	776	201
6	Ohrid	Leshani	332	1,683	667
7	Kocani	Cheshinovo	445	2,566	693
8	Kocani	Sokolarci	268	1,904	545
9	Kocani	Spanchevo	276	1,982	666
10	Kocani	Chiflik	156	1,365	458
11	Resen	Carev Dvor	386	1,017	451
12	Strumica	Monospitovo	440	2,315	1,018

The Feasibility Study has the following particular objectives:

- Assess the expected level of participation among the landowners, including whether the participation thresholds in the Law on Consolidation of Agricultural Land are expected to be met.
- Assess rural infrastructure needs and prepare preliminary estimates of the required investment to be integrated with the land consolidation project.
- Provide a recommendation whether it would be reasonable to proceed with development of land re-allotment plan and what would be the approach (majority based or voluntary LC).

The selected Contractor will be expected to collect and analyse all available information about the potential LC area based on conducted interviews and public meetings, assess the feasibility to implement LC project in this area and provide a tentative estimate of expenses for construction of the needed infrastructure. Furthermore, the Contractor will have an important role in awareness raising in the selected LC project area informing stakeholders about the benefits and conditions of participation in LC project.

This assignment will be implemented through the following main activities:

- **Desk research phase** – primary data collection and analysis:
- **Field research phase** – direct interviews of all identified landowners, property right holders and other identified stakeholders that have direct or indirect interest and relation to LC:
- **Data analysis and reporting phase**- analysis of the information collected with help of questionnaire and preparation of the FS report, including annexes in form of maps, tables and other relevant documents.



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MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify, the companies intending to bid must certify to be in possession of the following documents/certificates which will be provided when responding to the afore-mentioned tender:

Administrative:

1. The company should be a **legal entity registered in the country** for at least 2 (two) years;
2. The company should be a **profitable entity for the last two years**;
3. The company is to be **licensed by the Macedonian Chamber of Trade Surveying Companies**.

Company's experience:

The company should have performed at least 3 projects (works) on any one of the following topics: land consolidation, cadastral surveys, topographic surveys, engineering surveys (*staking out* and *as built* surveys of infrastructure objects such as roads, channels, irrigation systems, underground utilities or similar), and preparation of geodetic reports, over the last 2 (two) years.

Company's team(s):

Each team proposed by the company may work on a maximum of 2 (two) LC project areas only and should be composed as follows:

- **Licensed Surveyor**
 - **Holder of the national cadastre engineer certificate, issued by AREC**
 - **Five years of experience in the execution of surveying or cadastral works;**
 - Strong familiarity with cadastre and surveying work and services execution criteria, including governing domain legislation, in particular with the following cadastre works: adjudication of land, registration of building in the cadastre database, registration of infrastructure objects (electricity, telecommunication, water pipes, etc.).
- **Social and Community Development Expert:**
 - A **university degree or higher** in the area of agriculture, natural sciences, environment, forestry, biotechnology, sociology, economy, agricultural economics, or other related fields;
 - **Three years of experience** with implementation of projects related to agriculture, rural development and community development projects.
- **GIS Expert:**
 - A **university degree or higher** in the area of surveying, GIS, computer sciences, or other related fields;
 - **Three years of experience** with GIS related works;
 - Knowledge and experience with GIS databases;
 - Extensive knowledge of minimum one GIS software.



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- **Legal Expert:**
 - A **university degree or higher in the area of Law.**
 - **Three years of experience** in legal work with real property rights.
- **Civil Engineer:**
 - A **university degree or higher** in the area of Civil Engineering or Hydraulic Engineering;
 - **At least five years of proven experience** with design, planning and maintenance of water infrastructure, in particular irrigation and drainage systems;
 - Authorization for Civil Engineering from Chamber of Engineers for designing, minimum type B category.

Single team members may cover more than one expertise as long as they meet listed requirements.

One of the proposed team members shall act as Team Leader and as such is required to have a good knowledge of English language.

Time schedule:

The selected contractor must complete the Feasibility Study **within 5 months from contract signature, regardless of the number of Project Areas eventually assigned.**

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF EOI

Interested institutions should submit their response in scanned format to
CSDA-Contracts-Group@fao.org
no later than 7/05/2018 at 12:00 hrs (Rome time) in order to be considered to receive the
invitation to bid.
Please indicate **EOI 9300016/REUT** in message subject

NOTE

Prices are not required at this stage.

This REoI does not constitute a solicitation. Submitting a reply to the REoI does not automatically guarantee receipt of the solicitation document when issued.

FAO reserves the right to require compliance with additional conditions as and when issuing the final solicitation document.



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FAO reserves the right to change or cancel the requirement at any time during the REoI and/or solicitation process, without any obligation to inform the interested institutions of the grounds for FAO's action.

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