



REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
Ministry of Culture
*Project Preparation Facility Advance (PPF) of
Croatia Nature Protection Investment Project (NPIP)
Preparation Advance No. IBRD P4500-HR*

Announces
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Consulting services for
Environmental Assessment and Development
of a Resource Access Restriction Process Framework

1. The Republic of Croatia has received a Project Preparation Facility Advance (PPF) from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to support the preparation of a proposed Croatia Nature Protection Investment Project (NPIP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for Environmental Assessment (EA) and Development of a Resource Access Restriction Process Framework (RAR/PF). The NPIP is intended to be a key vehicle for a multi-year program to help expand and support Croatia's preparation for EU integration in the Nature Protection Sector.
2. The objective of this consultancy is to produce an Environmental Management Plan for known investments, and define procedures for environmental screening and assessment for small community grants; and the purpose of the RAR/PF is to define the process of identifying and mitigating the possible adverse impacts of restrictions placed on natural resource access for Project Affected People in the protected area zones.
3. The ToR for the mentioned services describes the assignment that an EA Consultant/firm accredited in Croatia by the Ministry of Environment, Physical Planning and Construction is expected to carry out in order to complete NPIP project preparation before the formal appraisal by the Bank. The purpose of the EA is to ensure that the proposed investments implemented through the Project comply with the existing environmental protection laws, regulations and standards in Croatia as well as with the World Bank's Operation Policies and Practices; and will not have a lasting adverse impact on the country's population, the natural environment or assets of particular cultural heritage value.
4. The Ministry of Culture now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.
5. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers](#) (dated May 2004 and revised in October 2006) using the Consultant's Qualifications Selection method.
6. Interested consultants may obtain further information regarding the **detailed Terms of Reference** at the Ministry's website, <http://www.min-kulture.hr> (under category *Natječaji/Posebni natječaji*) or at the address below, Monday - Friday, from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M local time.

7. Expressions of interest along with details of consultant's experience and qualifications for this assignment must be submitted by mail/personnel to the address below no later than January 15, 2010 until 4 P.M. local time.

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