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| **Consulting Services**  **Strengthening of Social Infrastructure** | Submission date / deadline:15 July 2016 |

**Country:**Republic of Serbia

**Reference: BMZ-No. 2015.6902.9**

**Prequalification**

**Reference:** Internationalopen Tender for Consultancy Services for Assistance in Approval Procedures, Preparation of detailed Design and Tender Documents, Assistance in tendering and contracting and Construction Management and Control of Worksunder the Programme “Strengthening of Social Infrastructure in Municipalities strained by the Refugee Crisis” in Serbia.

**Financing Source:** Federal Republic of Germany; Financial Cooperation through KfWEntwicklungsbank.

**Project Executing Agency:**Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs (MLEVSA), Belgrade, Serbia.

**Requested Consulting Services:**

Serbian municipalities are affected by external migration and migration of the local population. Due to economic difficulties in past decades and weak social infrastructure, most municipalities have encountered an important exodus of younger and rather more qualified population. In addition, EU is returning more unsuccessful Serbian asylum seekers since the beginning of the migrant crisis in 2015. Moreover, in the course of the migrant crisis, municipalities were affected by large numbers of transiting migrants on the so called “Balkan route”. The overall goal of the Programme is to reduce pressure to migrate of the local population and to reduce risks of conflict between refugees and the local population.The Programme objective is to improve living conditions of the local population, including minorities and to ensure that basic services for transiting migrants are available.

In order to prepare the Programme the PEA intends to engage a Consultant to assist the PEA in implementing priority projects in various Municipalities in Serbiato newly construct or rehabilitate existing social infrastructure facilities mainly comprising kindergarten, schools, health and social welfare centres. A number of approx. 30 individual projects in the following ten (10) Municipalities have been pre-selected: Bosilegrad, Bujanovac, Dimitrovgrad, Leskovac, Pirot, Presevo, Sid, Surdulica, Vladicin Han and Vranje.

The scope of Consulting Services will comprise four (4) phases:

* Phase 1: Assistance in approval procedures and review of documents,

preparation of detailed designs and tender documents

* Phase 2: Assistance to PEA in tendering and contracting
* Phase 3: Construction management and control of works
* Phase 4: Assistance to PEA during defects notification period

The prequalification of experienced Consultants will follow the latest version of KfW „Guidelines for the Assignment of Consultants in Financial Cooperation with Partner Countries“(please refer to homepage of KfW Development Bank [www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de)](http://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de)).

It is foreseen to assign an independent consultant firm with proven international experience in the social infrastructure sectorand having a regional experience record. In case of an international lead consultant it is recommended to associate with a local consulting firm.The minimum annual turnover of the lead consultant is fixed at EURO 1.0 million.

An “Invitation for Expression of Interest”(IEoI) with more detailed information on the programme’s components and measures, the type of services to be provided as well as the documents to be submitted for prequalification, including the envisaged evaluation methodology, is available upon written request from the Tender Agent, Dr.-Ing. Clemens Wittland at the email: [clemens.wittland@t-online.de](mailto:clemens.wittland@t-online.de) and copied request to the PEAattheemails:[aleksandar.lovcanski@minrzs.gov.rs](mailto:aleksandar.lovcanski@minrzs.gov.rs) and [aleksandra.miletic@minrzs.gov.rs](mailto:aleksandra.miletic@minrzs.gov.rs). The invitation for EoI will be distributed electronically by the Tender Agent.