## **Procurement Notice**

Assignment name: Senior Expert in Common Assessment Framework (CAF) Methodology

# Activity number: 19200 Senior Expert in Common Assessment Framework (CAF) Methodology

Background information on the Regional School of Public Administration (ReSPA)

The Regional School of Public Administration (ReSPA) is the inter-governmental organization for enhancing regional cooperation, promoting shared learning and supporting the development of public administration in the Western Balkans. ReSPA Members are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia, while Kosovo\*1 is a beneficiary. ReSPA's purpose is to help governments in the region develop better public administration, public services and overall governance systems for their citizens and businesses, and prepare for the membership of the European Union.

ReSPA establishes close co-operation with ministers, senior public servants and heads of function in Member countries. ReSPA also works in partnership with the European Union, specifically Directorate-General for Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), other regional players such as OECD/SIGMA and Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), as well as agencies and civil society organisations. Since its inception, ReSPA, as an international organization and a key regional endeavour in Public Administration Reform, has contributed to capacity-building and networking activities through in-country support mechanisms, peering and the production of regional research material.

#### Section 2. Preparation of CVs and supporting documentation

#### 2.1 Language of application:

The CVs (<u>maximum 3 pages</u>, <u>Ariel 11</u>) and supporting documentation shall be prepared in English.

2.2 The CVs should provide information on the qualifications and competencies of the applicant, her/his general track record and previous specific experience in similar assignments, as required by the Terms of Reference. The applicants should particularly state in their CVs:

- ✓ General professional experience;
- ✓ Specific professional experience, in line with ToR.
- 2.3 The required qualifications and skills: as per Terms of Reference

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> \* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and ICJ Advisory opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of independence

## Section 3. Submission of CVs and supporting documentation

- 3.1 The interested candidates are invited to submit a proposal consisting of the following documentation:
  - ✓ Proposal: explaining their experience related to the subject and how they intend to respond to the assignment;
  - ✓ Personal CV including experience in similar activities and particularly issues referred to under point 2.2 of this Procurement Notice;
  - ✓ At least three contacts for references (name and position of referee, email address and phone number) which may be contacted by ReSPA. (NOTE: There is no need to submit reference letters; ReSPA will directly contact the referees).
- 3.2 The required documentation should be submitted in electronic format by e-mail to the following address: <a href="mailto:procurement@respaweb.eu">procurement@respaweb.eu</a> by 25 February 2021 before 4 PM CET. Late submissions will not be considered for evaluation. The application should contain in the e-mail title the following reference: 19200 Senior Expert in Common Assessment Framework (CAF) Methodology

Public servants from ReSPA Members and Kosovo\* are not eligible to apply.

#### Selection 4. Evaluation of offers

- 4.1 The offer will be evaluated against the required qualifications, experience, skills and competencies as defined in the Terms of Reference.
- 4.2 The applicant securing the highest final ranking will be invited to submit a financial proposal (the financial proposal shall specify a total sum amount in EURO for expert's daily fee) and negotiate the contract. If negotiations are successful, the selected candidate will be awarded the contract. Should the negotiations fail; the next ranked candidate will be invited to negotiations.

#### **Section 5. Final Considerations**

- 5.1 The payment will be done in one instalment, as explained in the Terms of Reference, following the submission and approval of the deliverables.
- 5.2 The following document is attached to this Procurement Notice: Terms of Reference
- 5.3 ReSPA reserves the right to cancel this procurement procedure at any moment without any compensation to the applicants. The cost of preparing a proposal and negotiating a contract, including any related travel, cannot be reimbursed by ReSPA under any circumstances nor can ReSPA be held liable for it, regardless of the outcome of the procurement procedure.
- 5.4 Should you need any further clarifications to this procurement notice, please contact Ms Olivera Damjanovic, Programme Manager via e-mail: <a href="mailto:o.damjanovic@respaweb.eu">o.damjanovic@respaweb.eu</a>, by 23 February 2021 (midnight), the latest. ReSPA will post the response, including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of inquiry, at its website (www.respaweb.eu) by 24 February 2021.