



Procurement Notice

Assignment Name: Development of the IT application for the effective governance of the issue of conflict of interest

Section 1. Introductory Information

1.1 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 them for membership in the European Union (EU). Since its inception, ReSPA has contributed to the development of human resources and administrative capacities through training programmes and innovative cooperation mechanisms such as the exchange of good practices, peer reviews and development of know-how.

The European Commission (EC) provides directly managed funds for support of ReSPA activities (research, training and networking programmes) in line with the EU accession process. The new EC grant supports the main objective of ReSPA work in 2016-2017: Improving regional cooperation in the field of PAR and EU integration and strengthening administrative capacities in the beneficiaries. ReSPA is implementing its activities through the Secretariat which is consisting of 15 staff members from the Western Balkan region. The Secretariat is located in Danilovgrad, Montenegro.

1.1 ReSPA now seeks to engage an expert to develop the IT application for the effective governance of the issue of conflict of interest.

1.2 Objective and purpose of the assignment are:

Support the Commission on Conflict of Interest in Bosnia and Herzegovina to ensure effective data checking/verification and audit when it comes to the financial reports of the target group.

¹ * 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

Establishment of the above mentioned system implies the standardization of policies of dealing on conflict of interest that are already in place in the SEE countries.

This assignment will also result in improved human and institutional capacity of the Office of the Commission for Decision on Conflict of Interest and development of professional civil service.

The assignment will be performed by one expert. The tasks of the expert are in more details defined by the Terms of Reference.

1.3 Tentative timeframe: the assignment is expected to be performed during the period January 2018.

1.4 Budget: The contracted expert will be remunerated on the basis of a daily fee. The concrete fee for the selected trainer will be determined based on the applicant's experience in accordance with the applicable ReSPA rules and within the budgeted maximum for this assignment.

Level of effort for the performance of assignment is up to 12 expert days including one day of preparation of the report on the assignment.

No other costs will be covered by ReSPA.

Section 2. Preparation of CVs and supporting documentation

2.1 Language of application: The CVs 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 applicant should particularly state in the CVs:

- Professional experience in software development.

2.3 The required qualifications, experience and skills: as per Terms of Reference

Section 3. Submission of CVs and supporting documentation

3.1 The applicants are required to submit the applications. Any applicant should meet the requirements as defined by the Terms of Reference.

3.2 The applicants are invited to submit the following documentation:

- **Personal CV** (up to three pages maximum) including past 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, if considered necessary)

3.3 The required documentation should be submitted in electronic format by e-mail and with the reference number – 17070 stated in title to the following address:

procurement@respaweb.eu by **22 December 2017 before midnight**. Late submissions will not be considered for evaluation.

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

Section 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 installment, following the submission and approval of the deliverables, as defined in the Terms of Reference.

5.2 The following documents are 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 of negotiating a contract, including any related travel, cannot be reimbursed by ReSPA under any circumstances nor can ReSPA be held liable for it, regardless the outcome of the procurement procedure.

5.4 Should you need any further clarifications with respect to this procurement notice, please contact: Ms. Ranka Bartula-Musikic, Programme Manager via email: r.bartula@respaweb.eu

Any request for clarification must be sent by standard electronic communication to the above email address.