



MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - MSIP
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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR TEMPORARY ENGAGEMENT WITHIN
THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - MSIP**

Selection of Individual Consultant

**Technical assistance to the ministry of local self-government (International Consultant)-
Redefining the manner and determining the criteria for designated and block grants for
municipalities**

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The Government of the Republic of Macedonia has received loans from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development – the World Bank for implementation of the Municipal Services Improvement Project. The project's aim is to improve the efficiency of urban economies and the quality of municipal management by providing financial and advisory support to several selected municipalities in the area of municipal planning and management and the provision of better communal and municipal services.

In order to provide successful implementation of the Municipal Services Improvement Project, the Ministry of Finance requires the engagement of an individual consultant for the following position:

- **International expert for redefining the method and criteria for allocation of designated and block grants for the municipalities**

The purpose of this engagement is to redefine the method and criteria for allocation of designated and block grants based on the conducted detailed analysis of the situation with allocation of grants and in accordance with the projections arising from the determined most suitable new model of financing of delegated competencies of municipalities in the Republic Macedonia.

The basic deliverables of the international expert for redefining the method and criteria for allocation of designated and block grants for the municipalities are:

- Inception Report with methodology for relevant analysis (PEST, SWOT, etc) of the criteria and financing of delegated competencies of the local self-government units with particular reference to current problems and situations in Macedonia;
- A Report with a comparative analysis (according to relevant methodology as PEST, SWOT, etc) of the situation and sustainability of the system of financing local self-government units in the Republic of Macedonia compared with the United Kingdom, Denmark and Slovenia, as well as two other countries with regulations that are applicable to the Republic of Macedonia;
- A Final report proposing 3 models with short-term and long-term projections and simulations for financing of the competencies of municipalities and the City of Skopje with a prepared Action Plan and draft provisions for financing of the competencies of municipalities and the City of Skopje adopted by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia.



Necessary qualifications for the international expert for redefining the method and criteria for allocation of designated and block grants for the municipalities are as follows:

- A university degree (Masters or PhD) in Economics and Finances or another relevant field;
- Minimum 15 years of experience in the field of local self-governments out of which 10 years of experience in the area related to fiscal decentralization processes, municipal budgeting, financing principles and practices of local self-governments;
- A minimum of 5 publications related to policies and recommendations, as well as studies for certain countries which are related to the system of financing of the local self-government in at least 5 countries in the world
- Good knowledge of governments fiscal decentralization policy in EU countries and excellent understanding of EU regulations pertaining municipal financial management;
- Excellent report writing skills with good command of English;
- Good communication skills;
- Very good Computer skills (Word, Excel, Access, MS Project)

The persons for the listed consultant position will be selected following the procedure Selection of Individual Consultants in accordance with the **"Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers"** published by the World Bank in January 2011, revised in July 2014.

Interested eligible consultants may obtain further information at the address stated below during working hours from **08:30 to 16:30**, every working day from Monday to Friday. The engagement requirements (ToR) can be found by interested consultants at the following internet site: <http://www.finance.gov.mk/mk/node/1056>.

Interested consultants are invited to submit their CVs in English electronically in the form of a word document, pdf, or in writing, including a review that would confirm their eligibility for the stated qualifications **(the application must state the position as defined above, as well as the project identification number)**. The expression of interest, including the CV and all other relevant documentation should be submitted no later than **04 May 2018, 16:00** at the following address.

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