

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

ROMANIA

Romania Secondary Education Project

Loan Agreement No 8481-RO

Assignment Title: Development of a software application to manage evaluation of papers in the national examinations and competitions

Reference No.: C 1.2.14.2

The *Government of Romania (GoR)* has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the *Romania Secondary Education Project*, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include *development of an IT platform able to manage evaluation of papers in the national examinations and competitions, to ensure electronic support for the online assessment of candidates’ papers submitted in the national examinations and competitions. The envisaged examinations and competitions are: The National Evaluation for 8th grade graduates („evaluare nationala” - EN VIII), the Baccalaureate exam (BAC), the national exam to become recognized teacher in pre-university education („definitivat” -DEF) and the national competition to occupy teaching positions in pre-university education („titularizare” - TIT).*

The *Ministry of Education - Unit for the Management of Externally Financed Projects* now invites eligible consultants (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

- Demonstrate 5 years of experience in creating advanced IT platforms for complex data processing;
- Demonstrate at least 3 years of experience in developing IT platforms dedicated to workflows and/ or management ERP/CMS for academic/ operational processes in the education system;
- Demonstrate experience with SaaS technologies, web cloud based/ cloud ready, intended for centralized, interconnected management and active data exchange, such as API, Object-Relational Mapping (ORM) – EclipseLink/ Laravel/ SQLAlchemy/ other equivalents in performance, complex data base etc.;
- Understand the Romanian system of education, especially at secondary level, and of the Romanian examination system;
- Have proven experience to deliver high quality outputs

- Proven capacity to develop high usage platform with enhanced security measures

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers" dated January 2011 (revised July 2014) ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant (Firm) will be selected in accordance with the [Selection Based on the Consultants' Qualifications \(CQS\)](#) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.](#)

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by [February 9th 2023, 2:00 P.M.](#)

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