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**MONTENEGRO
MINISTRY OF SPATIAL
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT**

LAKE SKADAR-SHKODRA INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROJECT

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Investigation of Skadar/Shkodra Lake waters eutrophication level**

This request for expressions of interest follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business in October 24 2008 and dgMarket online in October 23, 2008

The Governments of Montenegro and Albania have received a grant from the Global Environment Facility, totaling approximately US\$ 4, 55 million, to finance the Lake Skadar/Shkodra Integrated Ecosystem Management Project. The Montenegrin Ministry of Tourism and Environment (MTE) (present Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment) and the Albanian Ministry of Environment, Forests and Water Administration (MEFWA), in coordination with partners in sectoral Ministries, local governments, and universities etc, have the overall responsibility for the project implementation. The global project development objective is to maintain and enhance the long-term value and environmental services of Lake Skadar-Shkoder and its natural resources. The Project Development Objective is to help establish and strengthen institutional mechanisms for transboundary cooperation through joint efforts to improve sustainable management of Lake Skadar-Shkoder.

On the frame of LSIEMP quite a lot of activities are related to improve the water quality in Lake Shkodra - Skadar Lake is a National Park/Natural Managed Reserve and Ramsar site and it is an important source of natural resources for development such as fresh water, fish, tourism potentials etc. Taking into account the effects that eutrophication can have on the lake water quality and its ecosystem, the WGs on Water Monitoring and Researches and Water Management established on the frame of LSIEMP have suggested a survey on eutrophication level of Lake Shkodra-Skadar

The objective of the survey is to assess the eutrophication level of Lake Skadar-Shkodra waters, existing main pollution sources, main hotspots, and based on its findings suggest and recommend a joint permanent water quality monitoring parameters, projections for future eutrophication rising, and mitigation measures.

The scope of work includes: Identifying existing sources of pollution contributing to lake eutrophication, collecting latest available data existing in scientific institutions in Albania and Montenegro related to eutrophication level indicators, collection of contemporary bat metric data, processing and assessment of actual data of Skadar Lake water eutrophication level of the water, measure nitrogen, chlorophyll and phosphorus in samples of water, map the location of different species of plants, measure the transparency of water, measure the level of Dissolved Oxygen, make temperature measurements etc.

It is expected that the assignment will be completed within a time frame of 9 months from the contract signing with an estimate of 120 man working days.

The Project Implementing Unit in Albania now invites eligible qualified consultant companies to present their applications in providing the services. Qualified firms/companies with qualified staff in monitoring of water quality, experts of biology, microbiology, phytoplankton and experience in Lake Shkodra monitoring are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services.

A consultant company will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's [*Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers*](#), (May 2004) Section III point 3.7 (Selection Bases on the Consultants' Qualifications).

▪ Evaluation criteria and sub criteria will be as follows:	
▪ Overall experience of the company	20 points
▪ Experience in monitoring of water quality	30 points
▪ Experienced team of experts in biology, microbiology, phytoplankton	30 points
▪ Experience in Lake Shkodra monitoring	20 points
Total	100 points

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours starting at 8.00 to 16.00 Monday through Friday.

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Deadline for submission of Expressions on Interest is November 15, 2010, at 16:00

Expressions of interest must be delivered at the up mentioned address.