

## **SERVICE PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE**

### **The development and strengthening of the capacities of State Audit Institution and Audit Authority**

**Location - Europe (non EU), Montenegro (ME)**

#### **1. Publication reference**

EuropeAid/138388/IH/SER/ME

#### **2. Procedure**

Restricted

#### **3. Programme title**

Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II)

#### **4. Financing**

Financing Agreement Concerning National Programme Montenegro 2014 (Objective 1 – part 1 and Objective 2 - part 1)

#### **5. Contracting Authority**

The Ministry of Finance, the Directorate for Finance and Contracting of the EU Assistance Funds (CFCU), Stanka Dragojevicica 2, 81000 Podgorica, Montenegro

#### **6. Nature of contract**

Fee-based

#### **7. Contract description**

The overall objective of this service contract is to support the State Audit Institution (SAI) and Audit Authority (AA) in enhancing their audit capacities to plan and perform different types of audits aligned with the international auditing standards and best practices. This will be achieved through the development of specific audit methodologies and IT techniques and support to their implementation, as well as the development/purchase of audit software and related services. The contract will also help to develop audit strategy and implement a human resource management and training strategy to ensure the continuous professional development of audit staff. In parallel, communication policies with the Parliament and media will be defined and their implementation supported.

#### **8. Indicative budget**

EUR 670,000.00

#### **9. Intended timing of publication of the contract notice**

October, 2016

## 10. Additional information

N/A

## 11. Legal basis<sup>1</sup>

- Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11th March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II)
- Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 447/2014 of 2nd May 2014 on the specific rules for implementing Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11th March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II).

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<sup>1</sup> Please state any specificity that might have an impact on rules on participation (such as geographic or thematic or long/short term).