REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Ministry of Finance

Technical Assistance Project for Institutional and Regulatory Reform for Private Sector Development

Loan No 4460-HR

Request for Expression of Interest for Consulting services for

Electronic Document Exchange
Gateway of the State Treasury system Design
with
Technical and Functional Specifications
along with the Interoperability Framework

This request for expressions of interest follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business No. issue No 512 of June 16, 1999,

The Croatian Ministry of Finance has received a loan from the World Bank, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for Electronic Document Exchange Gateway of the State Treasury system Design with Technical and Functional Specifications along with the Interoperability Framework.

The services include to assist the Ministry of Finance in drafting a Gateway of the State Treasury solution, design with functional and technical specifications, defining and producing the interoperability framework, drafting the Terms of Reference for Electronic Data Exchange Gateway solution design development and implementation, and finally drafting the Tender Dossier for HW and SW purchasing.

This assignment requires a consulting firm, whose experts should have:

- university degree in and prove of knowledge on these fields
 - information and communication technology (ICT)
 - database design and data modelling (meta modelling)
 - business process modelling
 - knowledge of FMIS in public sector
- fluency in oral and written English language (the knowledge of the Croatian language is advantage)
- work experience: at least 5 years of professional experience, 2 of which in relevant field

LOCATION AND DURATION

Location of project will be Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

The date of beginning is March and completion of the task is end of June 2006.

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, CVs of the key staff to be involved in the assignment, etc.).

A consulting firm 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* January 1997 (revised January 1999). The selection process will follow the Selection Based on Consultants Qualifications of the above mentioned guidelines. The consultants will be evaluated on the following criteria: 1. experience in similar assignments; 2. availability of key staff for the assignment; 3. previous working experience in Croatia.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 8.30 to 16.30

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by Feb 24, 2006.

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