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ALBANIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Country: **Albania**

Name of Project: **Project for Integrated Urban and Touristic Development**

Loan No. /Credit No: **IBRD Loan No. 8656-AL**

Project ID No: **P155875**

The Government of Albania has received a financing in the amount of EURO 63,8 million equivalent from the World Bank toward the cost of the Project for Integrated Urban and Touristic Development, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, related services and consulting services to be procured under this project. This project will be financed by World Bank.

The Project Development Objective is to improve urban infrastructure, enhance tourism assets, and strengthen institutional capacity to support tourism related local economic development in selected areas in the south of Albania.

The Proposed project will consist of the following components:

Component 1. Urban upgrading and infrastructure improvement (Euro 44.3 million). This component will finance design and implementation of urban upgrading and municipal infrastructure improvements in four urban centers: Saranda, Gjirokastra, Berat and Permet. Investments in these selected municipalities would include the upgrading of public spaces (e.g. parks, city squares, pedestrian walkways); street networks, inter-modal nodes and associated infrastructure (e.g, sidewalks, street crossings, streetlights, bicycle paths, bus stations); restoration of selected heritage buildings and façade improvement of selected buildings and; touristic sites enhancement (e.g. access roads, visitors' centers, parking, signage). Water supply and sewage network rehabilitation will be supported on a case-by-case basis. This Component will also finance preparation of required urban-scale designs, feasibility studies, engineering designs, and construction supervision.

Component 2. Touristic sites upgrading (Euro 8.4 million). This Component will finance investments aimed at improving selected touristic sites along the south of Albania touristic corridor. Investments would include restoration of selected heritage and cultural assets; improving supporting infrastructure such as last mile access, pedestrian pathways, visitors' centers and signage in selected touristic sites and; the creation of rest stops or viewpoints along the south of Albania touristic corridor. This Component will also finance preparation of required feasibility studies, site management plans, engineering designs, and construction supervision.

Component 3. Tourism market and product development (Euro 7.7 million). This component will finance activities to support improved municipal management and service delivery, and tourism market and product development. This component is divided in two complementary subcomponents.

- a) **Subcomponent 3A: Supporting municipal delivery.** This Subcomponent will finance activities aimed at supporting municipalities in the south of Albania to improve service delivery. Activities would include investment in tools for improved municipal management (e.g. asset management system, geographic information system); targeted technical assistance aimed at improving service delivery (e.g. traffic management studies) and enhancing the operation of assets rehabilitated under the project, and selected equipment (e.g. solid waste collection) for improved service delivery.
- b) **Subcomponent 3B: Tourism products and value-chain development.** Activities in this Subcomponent are focused on stimulating and sustaining growth in the tourism economy in the south of Albania by complementing and leveraging investments supported under Component 1 and 2 with smaller investments in developing new tourism products and adding value to existing products. This Subcomponent will finance the development of a market research strategy to guide investments in new tourism product development in the south of Albania, and will strengthen tourism value-chains by linking tourism products to markets. Activities will also involve the establishment of institutional partnerships to drive destination management activities at the municipal and regional level. This Subcomponent will also finance the design and implementation of improved national tourism statistics in Albania.

Component 4. Implementation Support (Euro 3.2 million). This Component will support project implementation including: (i) core project staff and consultants to assist the project implementing agency (ADF) and the Project Coordination Unit (MoUD) in the implementation of project activities; (ii) the maintenance of the project Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system; (iii) the project related operating costs of both the PCU and the ADF including consulting and in-country travel expenditure; (iv) the project operating costs including contributions towards the cost of backstopping assistance by the ADF staff and other eligible expenditures as agreed with the Bank; and (v) training of staff and other persons associated with project implementation activities including management of environmental and social risks in line with the project safeguard documentation.

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted using National Competitive Bidding (NCB) or International Competitive Bidding (ICB) according to the estimated cost per contract of works. For NCB packages, exceptions will apply. The Borrower will use harmonized bidding documents provided by the Bank. The Procurement will be done through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's [*Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*](#) (current edition), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines. Consulting services will be selected in accordance with the World Bank's [*Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers*](#) (current edition).

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be bid under the World Bank's international competitive bidding (ICB) procedures and for contracts for consultancy services will be announced, as they become available, in [UN Development Business](#) and [dgMarket](#).

All the interested firms and individuals may submit their Expression of Interest as response of this GPN in order to be included in the mailing list of the project. Their Expression of Interest should be addressed to:

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