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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTING SERVICE**

***Ukraine***

***EUROPEAN NEIGHBORHOOD AND PARTNERSHIP INSTRUMENT EAST COUNTRIES FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT AND GOVERNANCE II PROGRAM (ENPI East Countries FLEG II Program)***

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**Assignment Title:** *Development of timber flow control system mechanism for Ukraine and its implementation propositions in national legislation*

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WWF Danube Carpathian Programme(through WWF International) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the regional Program ENPI East Countries FLEG II, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting service (“the Service”) involves development of timber flow control system mechanism for Ukraine and its implementation propositions in national legislation.

A consultant will be hired to:

- fulfill the assignment to assess the timber track-and-trace systems in selected EU countries appropriate to legislative system in Ukraine and analyze of their possible adaptation impact on the Ukrainian forest sector;

- improve the national track-and-trace system model for Ukraine (standardized to EU requirements and including Due Diligence System and Applicable Legislation mechanisms), building on the information already assessed in the first year of the program and taking into account recently signed the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement;

- propose amendments to the national legislation and contribute to its implementation as well as develop a simple thematic brochure on proposed national timber tracking system.

The consultant is expected to work closely with representatives of relevant national government and other stakeholders, participate actively in dissemination activities.

The expected time of commencement of the service is February 2015. The assignment will last till the end of May 2015. Additional details are given in the Terms of Reference, attached to this announcement.

WWF Danube Carpathian Programme now invites eligible candidates (the “Consultants”) to submit CVs to indicate their interest in providing the Service. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Service.

The shortlisting criteria are:

* At least 5-10 years required for consultant's experience in forestry areas;
* Forest management studies and experience (university degree);
* Good knowledge of the Ukrainian forestry system and legislation, especially related to timber flow control system.
* Good knowledge of relevant international treaties and agreements including EU timber flow control system legislation;
* Records and experience on legislative framework for timber flow control system are an advantage;
* Excellent communication skills;
* Good knowledge of Ukrainian and English;
* Computer literacy (Word, Excel, Power Point).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 and 1.11 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011 (the “Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the Bank’s policy on conflict of interest and eligibility: <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTPROCUREMENT/Resources/278019-1308067833011/Consultant_GLs_English_Final_Jan2011.pdf>

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the Consultant Guidelines. The best qualified and experienced candidate shall be selected. Interviews might be held, if deemed necessary. The best qualified consultant will be invited to contract negotiation.

Further information can be obtained and application documents must be delivered (in a written form) to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **29 January 2015**.

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