

SCOPE OF WORK

Consultant Name:					
Project/Activity Name:	USAID/Sweden FARMA II Project {Bosnia}	Activity #	4729		
Assignment Title:	Support for public consultation process on draft FBiH Veterinary Law				
Position Type:	Full Time		Part Time		STTA X
Consultant Nationality:			TCN		CCN
Engaged By:	Cardno Emerging Markets USA, Ltd.				
Position Reports to:	CoP / Component 2 lead				
Assignment Period:	Start Date: January 2018		End Date: April 2018		
Total LOE for Position:	Total LOE: 10	Onsite: 5	Offsite: 5	Travel:	

USAID/Sweden FARMA II - Description of Project

USAID and the Government of Sweden have awarded Cardno Emerging Markets USA a five year contract for implementation of the Fostering Agricultural Markets Activity II (FARMA II) project in Bosnia & Herzegovina (BiH). The purpose of the FARMA II Project is to create agricultural and agribusiness economic opportunities for BiH farmers and entrepreneurs. FARMA II will achieve this by assisting agricultural producer organizations to adopt European Union (EU) and international agricultural and food standards and new production techniques, produce new high value products and expand their access to foreign and domestic markets. The objective of FARMA II's Component 2 is to strengthen the BiH public sector capacity to implement regulations, norms, practices, and rules in the areas of agriculture & food, veterinary & plant health and safety, accreditation, standardization and quality certifications related to food and agricultural products which meet EU and international best practice requirements.

Background

As it was noted in past EC Progress Reports BiH should harmonize its official control system and upgrade its food establishments to be able to exports products of animal origin to the EU. As a potential candidate country for EU accession, BiH should gradually align its regulations with the EU acquis and ensure their effective implementation. This objective should also be reflected in the plans, programs and strategies adopted at state and entity level.

Amongst other activities, FARMA II has been working with the Entity Ministries of Agriculture to prepare for future implementation of relevant EU policies, including food safety, veterinary and phyto-sanitary regulations. Gradual alignment in this field is defined by the EU negotiation Chapter 12 (Food Safety, Veterinary and Phyto-sanitary Policy), and reflects the EU's integrated approach to food safety aiming to assure a high level of food safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health within the EU, through coherent farm-to-table measures and adequate monitoring, while ensuring the effective functioning of the internal market. The principal pre-requisites for a candidate country in this domain are the transposition of the EU legislation, and its implementation by a properly structured and trained administration.

The purpose of this assignment is to provide support for the preparation and organization of public consultation process for the new Draft FBiH Veterinary Law (Draft Law). During the last six months the FARMA II Project has provided technical support for a working group appointed by the Minister of the FBiH Ministry of Agriculture to prepare the draft law. The project also provided targeted training and awareness raising support for working group members on

existing and new aspects of veterinary legislation that have been evolving within the EU which the new draft law seeks to encompass.

It is intended that technical assistance will focus on providing training to targeted stakeholder groups on the most relevant and crucial aspects of the new draft Law. Targeted stakeholders for training and support are anticipated to include: Technical Working Group members; core staff from Veterinary sector of FBiH MoA; FBiH Veterinary Chamber; Cantonal Ministries and Federal and Cantonal Inspectorates; Parliamentary Agriculture Committee members; Veterinary laboratories; Professional veterinary organizations; private sector groups and associations active in the livestock sector; and relevant consumer organizations. The new Draft is based on the best practices and requirements of EU, supported by a detailed Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) which define the main costs and benefits of adoption of the law. Overall requirements for gradual alignment with the EU Acquis must be clarified to all relevant users in both the public and private sector. It is anticipated that this support will enable key stakeholders to better understand the main structure and provisions of the law and its implications for the livestock sector, thereby enhancing the opportunities for a smooth passage of the draft law through the legal review and adoption process.

Scope of Work: Support to public consultation process

Activities:

The Consultant will support the following activities:

Activity 1 – Design and preparation of targeted presentations for main stakeholder groups to raise awareness and clarification of the main benefits of the new draft law and its implications. All activities will be supported and prepared in the partnership with the FBiH MoA.

Activity 2 - Presentation and discussion of the new Draft Veterinary Law with relevant public sector stakeholders with a particular focus upon preparation of the Technical Working Group members, core staff from the Ministry of Agriculture and the Inspectorates, and relevant Parliamentary Committee members to ensure that they develop a detailed understanding of the relevant chapters of the law, their rationale and mode of implementation, as well as other necessary aspects on the new regulatory requirements and their estimated costs and benefits (as defined in the RIA). Special emphasis will be placed upon official controls from the aspects of the animal health, trade and export requirements. Public sector training activities will also aim to build public awareness of the benefits of the new Draft Law.

Activity 3 – Presentation and discussion of the new Draft Veterinary Law to targeted private sector representatives to ensure understanding of the new draft provisions of the Draft Law, in partnership with the Federation MoA and cantonal MoAs. The expert will present the main benefits of implementing the new Draft Law and the anticipated changes that will facilitate improvements in the provision of veterinary services, the implications for livestock productivity improvements over time and the enhanced opportunities for trade and export of livestock and livestock products.

Deliverables

- Presentations which define the main aspects of the Draft Law and their rationale
- Targeted presentations, trainings and discussions with all relevant stakeholder groups identified (final groups to be defined in partnership with the FBiH MoA and working group members);
- Schematic illustration of the process of reporting and responsibilities of the various levels of competent authorities, as well as producers and processors;

- Final report on the main activities and outcomes.

Timing and Level of Effort

Total LOE is estimated at up to 10 days and is expected to take place between January and April 2018. This is anticipated to include 5 home based days for preparation working material, schematic illustrations and presentations, and 5 days in country with active participation in process of public consultation with all stakeholders.

Qualifications and skills

- University degree in veterinary science or closely related subject;
- Ideally, post-graduate degree in veterinary science or closely related subject;
- Excellent analytical, communication, presentation and facilitation skills;
- Excellent written and oral in both BHS and English language;
- Excellent computer skills and proficiency in Microsoft Office applications;
- Proven ability to work in a team and under pressure.

Professional experience

- At least 10 years of relevant professional experience;
- Experience in implementation of the EU acquis in the field of veterinary, food safety and animal health and animal welfare;
- Experience in at least one country in transposition of the EU acquis in these fields and Western Balkans preferred;
- Experience in BiH in legal approximation of veterinary regulations would be an advantage.

We encourage qualifying candidates to send a Cover Letter including three References and CV.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is **December 31, 2017**.

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All information received will be treated with confidentiality.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.