

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

RUSSIAN FEDERATION JUDICIAL SYSTEM SUPPORT PROJECT

Assignment Title: Analysis of the existing speech recognition systems and preparation of recommendations for development of the automated hardware and software system for preparation of court minutes.

Reference No: JSSP/QCBS/1.3.1.1

The Russian Federation has received financing (“the Loan”) from the New Development Bank (“the NDB”) toward the cost of the Judicial System Support Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services under the Contract JSSP/QCBS/1.3.1.1 “Analysis of the existing speech recognition systems and preparation of recommendations for development of the automated hardware and software system for preparation of court minutes”.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

- To conduct a survey and a comprehensive analysis of judicial performance during and after the trial;
- To conduct a survey and a comprehensive analysis of conditions for recording court sessions in standard courtrooms;
- To conduct market research of speech recognition solutions to identify technical solutions that can be potentially used as a basis for creating the automated system for preparation of court minutes (“ASPCM”);
- To conduct a detailed analysis of the selected technical solutions for the purpose of preparing technical and financial feasibility studies of their use at court sessions as a basis for creating the ASPCM;
- To prepare the draft Terms of Reference for consulting services on “Development and pilot implementation of the automated hardware and software system for preparation of court minutes based on voice recognition”.

The Services will be rendered in Moscow. The duration of the Services is estimated at 10 calendar months.

The Foundation for Enterprise Restructuring and Financial Institutions Development now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The Expression of Interest shall specify the legal name (names, in the case of a joint venture) of the interested Consultant, the legal status and country of registration, and indicate the experience related to this legal entity only (legal entities, in the case of a joint venture). Experience of companies other than such legal entity (entities) will not be evaluated.

The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Experience of implementing similar projects on analysis, design or survey of information systems, including projects implemented for government agencies and/or public companies.
2. Experience of using/testing speech recognition systems.

3. Experience of conducting technical, financial and economic analysis of information systems.

4. Experience working with judiciary.

Experience of using information technologies for court proceedings and interaction between courts and other government bodies will be an additional advantage.

The Consultant shall not be a supplier of speech recognition system to avoid conflicts of interest.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 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, revised July 2014 ("Consultants' Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

According to the NDB's procurement policy the Consultants are eligible to provide services if they are incorporated in the NDB member countries.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualification. All the members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire assignment. At the same time, the sub-consultant's experience will not be considered during competitive selection.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality- and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 10:00 to 17:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **May 20, 2020**.

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