

Request for Proposal No. 01_NI_09

Regional Strategic Waste Management Plan for the Region of Niš including additional elements of a Feasibility Study

The Municipal Economic Growth Activity (MEGA) is an USAID-sponsored technical assistance project implemented by the Urban Institute (UI), a non-profit policy research and development organization with headquarters in Washington, DC. USA.

MEGA's objectives are to work with a number of Serbian municipalities and assist them with improving services to citizens, creating new job opportunities, facilitating investments, developing new businesses, and creating public-private partnerships (PPPs).

The Regional Strategic Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) for the Region of Niš including additional elements of a Feasibility Study, for which UI is soliciting proposals under this Request for Proposal (RFP), describes the priorities, direction, and management of waste handling and treatment in the Niš Region, in compliance with all national and EU waste management and environment protection regulations. It will determine how to establish a new system of waste management, based on the guidelines from the National Strategy for Waste Management, the Law on Waste Management, and EU standards.

The RSWMP will include a financial and capital investment analysis and preparation of the RSWMP implementation plan. Moreover, it will define the priority part of RSWMP implementation – hereinafter "the Project", specifying not only its capital investment and financing sources, but also its annual operation and maintenance costs and tariffs to ensure Project sustainability. The Project will include new waste treatment facilities, recycling center construction, collection equipment improving, etc. Other programs (medical waste, hazardous waste) will be implemented at a later date and are not included in the Project.

UI is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to develop a RSWMP covering solid waste management (SWM) alternatives, disposal/treatment facilities, investment needs, and PPPs for establishing of the "Project". Deliverables will include a preliminary and final RSWMP.

Interested parties can obtain the Bidding Documents free of charge at the following web sites: www.mega.ui-serbia.org/ (see web-page: tenders) and www.ni.rs .

Proposals should be submitted electronically to Mrs. Maja Todorovic (maja_todorovic@ui-serbia.org) or Jelena Kanostrevac (jelena_kanostrevac@ui-serbia.org) by October 30, 2009, 16:00 Belgrade time. The proposal should be accompanied by a cover letter signed by an authorized representative of the firm.

You are kindly requested to indicate your intent to submit a proposal by October 20, 2009, at the following e-mail: jelena_kanostrevac@ui-serbia.org