

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
(CONSULTING SERVICES – CQS)  
TÜRKİYE**

**EU Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) 2018 Energy Sector Program Phase III Project**

**Grant No.:** TF0C3092

**Assignment Title:** Consultancy Services for Increasing Competition and Transparency in Natural Gas Market

**Reference No:** CS04

The Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (MENR) has received a grant from the European Union toward the cost of the EU Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) 2018 Energy Sector Program Phase III Project which will be jointly implemented with the World Bank, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the Consulting Services.

The Consulting Services (“the Services”) aim to support the Energy Market Regulatory Authority (EMRA) in monitoring the gas market and implementing the secondary legislation on supplier of last resort and market maker mechanisms through enhancing the capacity of the EMRA staff.

The Services to be provided include:

1. Trainings, workshops and study visits on the legislation aiming to increase competition and transparency in natural gas markets and on Good Practices on Regional Implementation
2. Support on drafting of legislation aiming to increase competition and transparency in natural gas markets

The support mentioned above include:

- i. Proposing supplier of last resort and market maker mechanisms
- ii. Organisation of workshops to consult proposed design
- iii. Impact analysis of determined mechanisms
- iv. Proposing changes to existing legislation to implement proposed mechanisms and enhance conformity with EU legislation on monitoring
- v. Draft articles to be included in secondary legislation to be adopted for supplier of last resort and market maker mechanisms.
- vi. Roadmap for implementation

The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment can be downloaded via following link: <https://enerji.gov.tr/announcements-list>

The MENR 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. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant’s qualifications-based selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations. The Consultant with the highest ranking based on the below criteria will be invited to submit their technical and financial proposals. The criteria which will be used to rank the Consultants at this stage are:

- The Consultants should be in the consulting business for not less than the last 5 years prior to deadline for submission of interests;
- The Consultants should have specific experience within the last 3 years prior to deadline for submission of interests in each of:
  - Experience in formation and/or operation of natural gas market operations in energy exchanges
  - Experience in or support to monitoring and surveillance of gas market operations
  - Experience in drafting primary and/or secondary legislation in the natural gas market (esp. in the fields of market maker and supplier of last resort mechanisms)
  - Experience in organisation of trainings in the field of gas market operations and/or legislation
- The Consultants should demonstrate availability of and/or access to the key experts for the performance of the services described in the TOR (e.g., by providing a list of key experts they are working with)
- The Consultants should demonstrate sound administrative and financial capacity.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at this stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.15, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. <https://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/178331533065871195/Procurement-Regulations.pdf>

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. It should be noted that experiences of the sub-consultants will not be considered during the evaluation phase. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Interested consultants should clearly indicate the structure of their "association" and the duties of the partners and sub-consultants in their application. Unclear expression of interests in terms of "in association with" and/or "in affiliation with" and etc. may not be considered.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Türkiye time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by mail, or by e-mail until **15 January 2024 at by 2:00 p.m.** Türkiye time.

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