Pursuant to the Law on Ratification of the Loan Agreement (IBRD Loan No. 9057-HR) between the Republic of Croatia and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for Justice for Business Project (OG IA No.: 3/2020), the Project Implementation Unit announces:

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

CROATIA

JUSTICE FOR BUSINESS PROJECT

GOVERNANCE GLOBAL PRACTICE

FINANCE, COMPETITIVENESS AND INNOVATION GLOBAL PRACTICE

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Loan No. HR-9057

Project ID No. P167247

The Republic of Croatia has received financing in the amount of **US\$ 111.44 million** equivalent from the World Bank toward the cost of JUSTICE FOR BUSINESS PROJECT (JUST-B Project) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project. This project will be financed by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ).

The project will include the following components:

Component 1 "Reducing the administrative burden for businesses to interact with government" is a results-based component that supports implementation of interventions which are expected to reduce the administrative burden for businesses in their interaction with government. The activities from subcomponent 1.1 Removing regulatory barriers for market entry and operation will be implemented by Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Craft (MoEEC), while the activities from subcomponent 1.2 Simplifying construction permitting and improving market functioning in the construction sector will be implemented by Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning (MoCPP).

Component 2 "Improving justice services for businesses" combines results-based financing to support improvements in the delivery of justice services with emphasis on those provided to businesses, with direct investment supporting the rehabilitation and renovation of selected court facilities for better onsite court performance. Additionally, support will be provided to project management and technical assistance for the implementation of the results-based financing interventions.

The activities from subcomponents 2.1 "Expanding the use of electronic services in the justice sector", 2.2 "Accelerating the resolution of commercial disputes", 2.3 "Rehabilitation and upgrading of selected court facilities" and 2.4 "Strengthening Public Investment Management practices in the judiciary" will be led by Ministry of Justice and will be implemented in cooperation with relevant courts.

Subcomponent 2.3 "Rehabilitation and upgrading of selected court facilities" will finance the physical rehabilitation of selected courts to meet international standards of service allowing for better court performance and user experience. Implementation of rehabilitation works and equipment will include: (a) competitive hiring of specialized contractors to carry out rehabilitation works; (b) supervision services by specialized consultants; (c) acquisition of furniture and necessary equipment to conform with agreed environmental and security standards for the buildings; and (d) induction and training activities for building operators and users for an effective use of the new facilities.

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018) (Procurement Regulations)*, and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the *Procurement Regulations*. The World Bank shall arrange the publication on its external website of the agreed initial procurement plan and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection.

Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, in <u>UN Development Business</u> online, on the World Bank's external website and on free-access web site of Ministry of Justice https://pravosudje.gov.hr/istaknute-teme/projekti-22046/projekt-ucinkovitog-pravosudja-za-bolje-poslovno-okruzenje-zajam-ibrd-9057-hr/22083 and in official gazette "Narodne novine".

Prequalification/Initial Selection of suppliers and contractors is not anticipated.

Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Borrower at the address below:

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