

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
(CONSULTING SERVICES, FIRMS SELECTION)

**April 23, 2018**

**Country:** Republic of Armenia.

**Name of Project:** North-South Road Corridor Investment Program -Tranche 4

**Assignment Title:** Preparation of Detailed Design, Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan and Implementation of Author Supervision of about 32 km road from Agarak to tunnel exit; and Preparation of Detailed Design, Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan of about 7 km road from tunnel entrance to Qajaran and about 6 km of the tunnel and access roads (Tranche 4)

**Reference No.:** T4-CS-01

1. The Republic of Armenia has received a loan from the Eurasian Development Bank (EADB) in the framework of the North-South Road Corridor Investment Program (Program) toward the cost of the Program, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for Preparation of Detailed Design, Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan and Implementation of Author Supervision of about 32 km road from Agarak to tunnel exit; and Preparation of Detailed Design, Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan of about 7 km road from tunnel entrance to Qajaran and about 6 km of the tunnel and access roads (Tranche 4).
2. “North-South Road Corridor Investment Program” is a major infrastructure project (here after NSRCIP project) which aims at connecting the Southern border of the country with its Northern point by means of 556 km-long Meghri-Yerevan-Bavra highway by reducing it to about 85 km and reaching up to 470 km.
3. The Consulting services (“the Services”) include
  - Preparation of Detailed Design for construction of Tranche 4 Kajaran-Agarak (Iranian Border) 45 km road section (Lot 1 and Lot 2);
  - Preparation of the technical part of the bidding documents for 32 km road section (Lot 1).
  - Author supervision of the accuracy and compliance of design solutions during construction works.

With the winning Consultant will be concluded 2 contracts, namely:

Contract for Preparation of Detailed Design (Lump-sum type of contract):

Preparation of Detailed Design, Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan of about 32 km road from Agarak to tunnel exit; and Preparation of Detailed Design, Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan of about 7 km road from tunnel entrance to Qajaran and about 6 km of the tunnel and access roads (Tranche 4) (15 months);

Contract for Author Supervision (Time-based type of contract):

Implementation of Author Supervision of about 32 km road from Agarak to tunnel exit.

Project contracts will be financed jointly by the Eurasian Development Bank out of Eurasian Fund for Stabilization and Development and Government of the Republic of Armenia. Overall procurement procedure will be governed by the World Bank’s eligibility rules and procedures.

4. The Client, represented by its project implementation unit “Transport Project Implementation Organization” SNCO, acting on behalf of Ministry of Transport, Communication and Information Technologies of RoA (MTCIT), executing body of Tranche 4, hereby invites eligible Consulting Firms (Consultants) which is capable to prepare Detailed Design, Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan and Implementation of Author Supervision of about 32 km road from Agarak to tunnel exit; and Preparation of Detailed Design, Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan of about 7 km road from tunnel entrance to Qajaran and about 6 km of the tunnel and access roads (Tranche 4) to indicate their interest in providing the services. All the Consulting firms including JV firms must have been legally registered for at least ten (10) years from the last date of submission of EOI.

Following documents shall be submitted along with the EOI application by all the Consulting Firms including JV firms.

- Certificates of incorporation or Registration of the consulting firm.
- Company Profile.

The consulting firms must provide information on similar assignments/projects implemented in the past giving a brief description of each assignment/project, the funding source(s), amount of contract and information on the employer. The shortlisting criteria are:

- a) General Experience - Participation of the Consultant in road construction/rehabilitation projects (Participation in IFI road projects within the last 10 years),
- b) Project Related Experience – Preparation of Detailed Design, Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan and Implementation of Author Supervision for road and tunnels construction/rehabilitation (number of similar contracts within the last 5 years);
- c) Overall assessment of company's staffing arrangements and capacity (available permanent staff, portfolio of ongoing projects).

5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the Consultant Guidelines setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
6. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Experience and Qualification of other structural part of participating firms, whether parent or subsidiary firm, will not be considered for evaluation. Likewise, qualification and experience of the consulting firm associated as a sub-consultancy will not be considered for evaluation for shortlisting.
7. All submittals from the consulting firms shall be in English or Russian language.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the Consultant Guidelines (Chapter 2 of Guidelines "Selection and employment of consultants under IBRD loans and IDA credits & grants by World Bank borrowers" published on January 2011, revised July 2014).

8. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 10:00 to 17:00 hours.
9. Expressions of Interest must be delivered in two printed copies to the address mentioned below or by e-mail in the Adobe PDF format on or before **18:00 hrs local time on May 14, 2018**. If submitting offline, submission shall be made in closed envelope and the title shall be "Expression of Interest (EOI) for Consulting Services: Preparation of Detailed Design, Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan and Implementation of Author Supervision of about 32 km road from Agarak to tunnel exit; and Preparation of Detailed Design, Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan of about 7 km road from tunnel entrance to Qajaran and about 6 km of the tunnel and access roads (Tranche 4)".

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