

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Country: Republic of Armenia

Loan No.: 2729-ARM, 2993- ARM

Project: North–South Road Corridor Investment Program – Tranche 2, Tranche 3

Assignment Title: CONSULATNCY SERVICES (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT) FOR TECHNICAL EXPERT SERVICES FOR PROGRAM 2 (L2729- ARM) and PROGRAM 3 (L2993- ARM) OF THE MFF, NORTH-SOUTH ROAD CORRIDOR INVESTMENT PROGRAM IN ARMENIA

Reference No.: ADB/NS/CS/IC/2020-2

The Government of the Republic of Armenia ("the Government") has received a loans from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the implementation of the Program 2 and Program 31 of the North-South Road Corridor Investment Program (Investment Program) within the framework of the Multiple Financing Instrument (MFF) and herewith intends to obtain Technical Expert`s Consultancy services for construction works under the following programs.

The Contract for Program 2 civil works, which was signed between the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Armenia and the Spanish company "Corsan Corviam Construcccion" in 2012, was terminated by the Ministry of territorial administration and infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia in July 2019 due to the fact that the "Corsan Corviam Construcccion" was violating contractual obligations and "Corsan Corviam Construcccion" was declared insolvent. The civil work under Program 2 remained unfinished and the Government of the Republic of Armenia plans to finish outstanding civil works by attracting other contractors. Termination of the Program 2 civil works Contract has necessitated the involvement of the Technical Expert in the implementation of the Program 2 as an expert in the construction works during the implementation.

The consulting services ("the Services") will include:

The objective of the services is to provide high quality professional advice and support to the Road Department SNCO (SNCO) for successful completion of the Programs. The Technical expert will be required to work in close co-ordination with the SNCO. In order to achieve this objective, the Technical expert would carry out the following tasks:

1. Assist SNCO in monitoring of civil works during contracts period of civil works.
2. Assist SNCO in planning of civil works.
3. Assist SNCO to deal with performance deviation by contractors/ supervising consultants.
4. Advise and assist SNCO in minimizing disputes/claims.
5. Review the contractors' work plans.
6. Advise SNCO on critical benchmarks (deliverables and time line) for each contract to ensure timely delivery of the contracts.
7. Review of technical issues related to construction, and recommendations for the SNCO related to determining the most technically acceptable solutions that should ensure the effective implementation of construction work within the budget and certain deadlines for the implementation of construction contracts.
8. Review of technical issues that are associated with omissions of the original designs or necessary to make technical changes to the original designs, assessment of the proposed technical solutions (both from the technical and financial point of view), preparation of the necessary justifications and recommendations, support to SNCO in choosing the most effective technical solution. If necessary, preparation of own technical solutions/proposals, their justification and submission of SNCO for consideration.

For more details, see Terms of Reference of the assignment (TOR).

¹ Program 2 (Ashtarak-Talin km 29+600-¼ 71+500 road section with total length 41.9 km. Construction Works not completed).
Program 3 (Talin-Lanjik km 71+500 – km 90+200 road section with total length 18.7 km).

The contract is expected to start by July-August 2020 and be completed in March-April 2021. "Road Department" SNCO of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructures of Armenia now invites eligible Individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (Cover Letter and Curriculum Vitae).

Qualification Requirements:

a) Qualifications

- Professionally qualified Highways/Civil Engineer or equivalent
- A bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering is a mandatory and a master's degree in Civil Engineering is a preferable. Post Graduate Degree in Civil Engineering from a recognized institution will be considered an advantage.

b) Experience

- At least 20 years professional experience with at least 15 years experiences in civil works contract management.
- At least 10 years international experience on similar projects in the road sector.
- At least 10 years experience in FIDIC Civil Contracts management.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills and sound result oriented judgment to identify issues and present practical solutions.
- Proven technical competence in both highway design and construction supervision with ability to sense early warning to ensure timely corrective measures.
- Proven competence in FIDIC Civil Contracts management and technical supervision with ability to solve technical issues.
- Proven strong skills in communication and project management. The candidate shall be fluent in the English language.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant selection method set out in the ADB Consultant Guidelines (<https://www.adb.org/documents/guidelines-use-consultants-asian-development-bank-and-its-borrowers>).

The interested consultants are strongly encouraged to register and apply through ADB's Consultant Management System at cms.adb.org. Online submission is always the main submission method. Offline EOI submission through email is an option. Using ADB's EOI template for EOI submission is required. Late submissions would be rejected.

The closing date for the submission of EOI is: at or before 18:00 pm on 25 June 2020, Yerevan time.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (09:00 to 17:00 hours local/ Yerevan time).

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