

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Country: Republic of Armenia

Loan No.: 2729-ARM

Project: North–South Road Corridor Investment Program – Tranche 2, 42145-033

Assignment Title: ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR TRANCHE 2
KM 29+600-KM 37+600 SECTION

Reference No.: ADB/NS/CS/IC/2020-1

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has agreed to provide the Government of Armenia (Government) multitranche financing facility (MFF) to finance the North–South Road Corridor Investment Program (Investment Program). The Investment Program will benefit road users, road construction companies, traders, and others who derive income from the development of transport, logistics and trade along the road corridor. The direct benefits include (i) lower road transport and maintenance costs, (ii) faster and more reliable road transport services, (iii) reduced traffic accidents, (iv) improved access to markets and social services, and (v) jobs and income created during implementation (i.e., use of local labor and construction materials) and after completion (i.e., roadside business activities).

The consulting services (“the Services”) will include:

- preparation of Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for M1 Yerevan-Gyumri-Bavra about 8 km (from KM 29+600 – to KM 37+600) section near Agarak community,
- Updating of the existing Environmental and Social Impact Assessment document for road section of road M1 Yerevan-Gyumri-Bavra about 8.0 km (from KM 29+600 – to KM 37+600) section near Agarak community to avoid archeological area,
- Updating of Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) in accordance with ADB Safeguard Policy Statement, ADB Environmental Safeguards Information Kit, other relevant ADB manuals/guidelines, as well as relevant laws of the Republic of Armenia.

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

The contract is expected to start by July 2020 and be completed in January-February 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:

- *Strong academic background including a bachelor's and/or master's degree in engineering (environmental, chemical, civil), environmental science, or related discipline,*
- *Experience in environmental consulting, including environmental planning, impact assessment and/or statutory approval processes,*
- *Research and analytical skills and excellent report writing skills,*
- *At least 10 years of relevant consulting experience, with increasing responsibilities, working with significant industrial clients on environmental and sustainability programs; significant exposure to infrastructure sector clients is preferred,*
- *A strong understanding of ADB Safeguard Policy Statement, ADB Environmental Safeguards Information Kit, other relevant ADB manuals/guidelines,*
- *Established relationships with regulatory authorities and large, private-sector industrial companies,*
- *Advanced understanding of environmental regulations and legislation,*
- *Demonstrated ability to maintain positive working relationships with Indigenous organizations and governments,*
- *Experience with community engagement activities to support environmental assessment processes,*
- *Professional membership of a relevant professional body is desirable.*

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 19 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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