

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

Republic of Serbia

Local Infrastructure and Institutional Development (LIID) Project

Project ID No. P174251

Assignment Title:

- **Civil engineering specialist- road engineers (three positions), full time individual consultants , Reference No. SER-LIID-IC-CS-24-22**

The Republic of Serbia has received financing in the amount of EUR 265,200,000 equivalent from the World Bank and the Agency Francaise de Development toward the cost of the Serbia Local Infrastructure and Institutional Development (LIID) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project.

Scope of work

The Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure (MCTI) intends to engage a highly qualified individual consultant - Civil engineering specialists- road engineer , to provide services as a full time member of the PIU. Civil engineering specialist will perform tasks of the LIID Project which are related to urban transport system development with the main focus of Component 1: Climate Smart Mobility. Activities in this component are directed towards improvement transport infrastructure resilient applying sustainable transport planning approach. The objective is to improve existing transport and associated infrastructure to support climate smart mobility and a move toward safe, green, and clean transportations system. The main activities of civil engineering specialist are related to ensure implementation of design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation activities of LGSs infrastructure with the emphasize on road infrastructure. The civil engineering specialist- road engineer will serve as the main PIU focal person responsible for local civil engineering projects and provide support to PIU in projects planning and implementation. The civil engineering specialist- road engineer works under the supervision of the Head of PIU and will be primarily and ultimately responsible for:

- Support the Head and Deputy Head of PIU in organizing, coordinating, integrating, and monitoring operations of the PIU and the institutions involved in the Project, both at the PIU premises and in the field, during its preparation and implementation;
- Ensure management of all road management activities (planning, implementation, supervision, monitoring) in conjunction with the communities, in order to optimize community's broader mobility needs in relation to public transport services, active mobility, resilience, security, and safety;

- Provide technical input, administrative and managerial support to the municipalities in the process of preparation the design documents and improving the quality of the design documents;
- Provide technical input to the Procurement Expert in the preparation of Procurement Documents, Requests for Proposals, in preparing relevant technical documents as Terms of References, Technical Specifications, etc.;
- Review and evaluate contractors’/consultants’ technical documentation, drawings, designs, working schedule, health and safety;
- Coordination of design process and acceptance of the final design;
- Work Supervision - Ensure implementation of the construction/reconstruction/rehabilitation/upgrading activities against the timeline/critical paths, quality, quantities, safety, project monitoring indicators;
- Conduct regular on-site visits for design and construction verification and validation; this should lead to high quality execution, identification of areas for improvement and both conception and implementation of a corrective action plan;
- Ensure that best practices of civil engineering should be incorporated in projects;
- Provide support in training/capacity-building activities that will build local government capacity as well as internal training as needed on project-related matters to the PIU staff, the MCTI, LSGs, and other ministries, and other relevant stakeholders;
- Ensure team-work with the other Project Officers;
- Liaise with the PIU staff and with all relevant Ministries /Municipalities and their focal points / designers / agencies / project beneficiaries regarding mobility, public transport services, active mobility, resilience, security, and safety;
- Assist in the evaluation of bids and preparation of contract documents related to mobility and traffic safety;
- Verify, validate and confirm the contractors’/consultants’ expenditures declared in the payment certificates/invoices;
- Ensure with PIU Officers the reporting mechanisms and documentation systems are in place, including drafting reports to the World Bank and Head of PIU : Cost, Time, Resources, and Scope;
- Issue Monthly Progress Reports to the Head of PIU and brief her/him on progress and challenges while providing sound solutions to overcome implementation difficulties;
- Assisting the Head of PIU in preparing the PIU Reports (quarterly, midterm and completion);
- Perform other duties in support of project preparation and implementation, as required;

Timeframe and Duration

The Consultant shall provide full time services for the life of the project, i.e. until November 30, 2028, with a probationary period of six (6) months.

The Consultant shall not have other full or part-time assignment during the engagement under this Contract.

Required qualifications:

- Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in Civil engineering, Department for roads or equivalent department allowing licensing in road engineering ;
- Minimum of 5 years of working experience in state or local road design, supervision or construction projects;
- Relevant experience with projects of international financial institutions will be considered as an advantage;
- Experience in delivering of technical assistance to LSGs in road infrastructure development will be considered as advantage;
- Knowledge of relevant national and UE legislation which are related to activities from this ToR will be considered as an advantage;
- Possession of a certificate of working in software specialized for road infrastructure development will be considered as an advantage as well as other certificates which are related to activities from this ToR;
- Openness to change and ability to receive/integrate feedback;
- Strong analytical skills and ability to identify key strategic issues, opportunities and risks;
- Competence for incorporating gender perspectives into substantive work and ensuring the equal participation of women and man in all areas of work; commitment to the goal of gender balance in staffing and creating a gender sensitive working environment that pays attention to work/life issues;
- Knowledge of computer, office software and web-based applications use;
- Cultural, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability;
- Excellent writing/reporting and presentation skills;
- Excellent interpersonal, networking and team building skills;
- Excellent knowledge of written and spoken Serbian and English;

The Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible 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.

The evaluation criteria for the assignment:

- Qualifications and Competence relevant to the Assignment (50 Points)
- Specific Experience relevant to the Assignment (50 Points)

The applicable remuneration will be established considering the market range for similar assignment and previous candidate remuneration for similar services. During the negotiation of the contract the successful candidate is expected to provide evidence for previous remuneration level (copies of contracts, pay slip, etc).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the *World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers – Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services (July 2016, revised November 2017, August 2018 and November 2020)* (“the Regulations”) setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants* as set out in the Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of interest in English language must be delivered in a written form to the email below, by **March 29, 2024, 12:00 hours, noon**, local time.

Interested consultants must provide **Cover Letter (name and reference number of the assignment to be indicated in the email)** and **CV** representing description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills (**scanned diplomas to be sent with CV**).

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