

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)**

Republic of Serbia

The Serbia Railway Sector Modernization Project (SRSM)

Project ID No. P170868

Assignment Title: Individual Consultant (Local full time) – Contract Management Specialist

Reference No.: SER-SRSM-IC-CS-22-39

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) launched the Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA) to support the Government of Serbia (GoS) in continuation of institutional, physical and operational modernization of the railway sector in an integrated manner through providing financial support to Serbia Railway Sector Modernization Project as part of the Multiphase Programmatic Approach to be implemented in three overlapping phases over the ten-year period.

For the purpose of financing Serbia Railway Sector Modernization Project, Phase 1 of the MPA, IBRD and the Agence Francaise de Développement (AFD), jointly, granted to the Republic of Serbia EUR 102 million loan to support enhancing the efficiency and safety of existing railway assets and improving governance and institutional capacity of the railway sector.

The Contract Management Specialist of the PIT will be responsible for the following duties:

- Take part in preparing and reviewing the tender documents for supervision consultant(s)/works contractor(s);
- Support during contract negotiations;
- Review and evaluate contractors'/consultants' technical documentation, cost management, schedule and works program;
- Assistance to IZS for contract(s) management;
- Occasional assessment of contractor's performance to identify the need for amendments;
- Coordination with IZS representatives to guarantee terms of contract are fulfilled in compliance with contract terms and regulations;
- Handling claims and defending interests of IZS/Client in line with FIDIC principles for construction/supervision contracts, with respect to any commercial and/or breach of contractual provisions arising during the implementation of works/service contracts;
- Provision of operational support to IZS and FIDIC Engineer in resolving claims and variation disputes,
- Pro-actively advising on risks and preventing claims as part of contract management;
- Support in drafting and/or reviews letters responding to claims from contractors, such as Force Majeure, requests for extension of time, or any other claims and demands for compensation,
- Reporting and feedback to IZS and PIU;
- Other assistance required by the IZS for successful implementation and completion of the supervision service/works contract(s);
- Any other task assigned by the Head of the PIU.

The Contract Management Specialist of the PIT should possess the following knowledge, experience, skills and competencies:

- Advanced degree or minimum 5-year university degree in civil engineering, transport/traffic engineering or similar,
- Minimum 15 years of general professional experience,

- Minimum 10 years of professional experience involving project management, planning and implementation of project related to the infrastructure,
- Contract experience let under FIDIC model of contracts in international projects or Western Balkans' region projects,
- Handling FIDIC contracts, FIDIC claims procedures and understanding the role of the FIDIC Engineer,
- Have a focus of professional experience in supervision and/or construction for transport sector project;
- Sound understanding of engineering codes, standards and norms,
- Extensive experience as contract manager,
- Experience in negotiating complex claims in a construction environment,
- Membership of national/international association of consulting engineers,
- Experience working on IFI or EU projects will be advantage,
- Knowledge of local (regional) language will be an advantage,
- Good knowledge of English language,
- Computer skills AutoCAD, Word, Excel, scheduling tools (e.g.: MS Project or similar),
- Self-Planning & Organizing, Problem Solving, Communication, Teamwork, Initiative.

The Consultant is expected to provide full time services for the life of the Project, i.e. until December 31, 2026, with a probationary period of six (6) months. If contracted, the Consultant will have to declare that he/she will not have other full or part-time assignment during his/her engagement under this contract.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced consulting services is posted on the website of the Ministry of Construction, Transportation and Infrastructure (MCTI) <https://www.mgsi.gov.rs/cir/dokumenti/serbia-railway-sector-modernization-project-srsm-piu-and-pit-staff-individual-consultants>

The CFU of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above services. Interested consultants must provide Cover Letter and CV representing description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills (scanned diplomas to be sent with CV).

The evaluation criteria for each assignment:

- Specific Experience relevant to the Assignment (60 Points)
- Qualifications and Competence relevant to the Assignment (40 Points)

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.16 and 3.17 of the **World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers – Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, World, 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.

Interested consultants may obtain further information from the CFU at the address below from 09:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of interest **in English language** must be delivered to the e-mail address below by **November 18, 2022, 12:00 Noon**, local time.

When submitting Expressions of interest please indicate assignment and reference number for which you are applying.

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