

**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 (part time) – Railway Asset Management Specialist

Reference No.: SER-SRSM-IC-CS-22-40

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 Railway Asset Management Specialist will be responsible for the following duties:

- Coordination of development and implementation of the all aspects of RI-AMS within the project and required system(s), ensuring its compliance with specific standards, laws and Client requirements;
- Assisting and providing expert advice in the collection, supplementation, systematization and integration of current and new data basis for rail assets inventory for the optimal use of RI-AMS;
- Providing expert advice on the improvement of current monitoring techniques and providing support in the implementation of investments in upgrading current condition-monitoring vehicles and in the procurement of other suitable condition-monitoring devices and equipment;
- Providing expert advice on the improvement of the current scope of maintenance programs and other planning documents for the maintenance of rail infrastructure assets;
- Participating in drafting and identifying any gaps, incompleteness or failings in technical specification and tender documents for the above-listed subcomponents and recommend remedial actions;
- Assisting in the implementation of Project activities related to IRS and SMS through the introduction/implementation of new technologies, system design development and maintenance;
- Liaise with the Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) and PIU regarding technical inputs needed to prepare Bidding Documents, Technical Specifications, Requests for Proposals, Terms of Reference, Monitoring Reports etc.
- Active participation and assistance during the tender preparation, processing, evaluation and selection;
- Review and evaluate contractors'/consultants' technical documentation and schedule;
- Ensuring compliance of the projects with relevant national, WB and EU regulations/procedures;
- Assessment of potential risks and proposal of relevant mitigation measures;
- Any other task assigned by the Head of the PIU.

The Railway Asset 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 engineering, mechanical engineering or similar;
- Minimum 10 years of general professional experience in the railway sector;
- Minimum 5 years of professional experience in developing and/or implementing railway asset management systems;
- Excellent knowledge and practice of the regulations and technical directives applicable to the maintenance, and renewal of railway infrastructure assets, maintenance machinery and rail track condition monitoring equipment and vehicles;
- Experience working on IFI or EU projects will be an advantage;
- Knowledge of local (regional) language will be an advantage;
- Good knowledge of the English language;
- Computer skills: AutoCAD, Word, Excel, scheduling tools (e.g., MS Project or similar);
- Project Management with multiple stakeholders will be an advantage.

The assignment is part-time and estimated that the Consultant's total input would be 350 days over the Contract period. The Consultant should be available to commence no later than one month after the contract signature. The consultant shall not be engaged more than 48 hours per week cumulatively for this assignment plus any other additional assignments/contracts.

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 (70 Points)
- Qualifications and Competence relevant to the Assignment (30 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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