

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION**

**Republic of Serbia
The Serbia Railway Sector Modernization Project (SRSM)
Project ID No. P170868**

**Assignment Title:
Technical assistance for strengthening capacity of the Directorate for Railways**

Reference No. SER-SRSM-QCBS-CS-22-45

For the purpose of financing Serbia Railway Sector Modernization Project, Phase 1 of the Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA), the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (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. Republic of Serbia intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for consulting services to be procured under this project.

Scope of Work

The objective of the Assignment is to provide technical assistance (TA) to strengthen the Directorate for Railways and improve its efficiency and results. The Scope of Work is divided into two activities:

- **Activity 1:** Proposal for an optimal organizational structure of the Directorate for Railways as the railway regulator in Serbia;

Task 1.1: Getting best practices

The objective of this task is to get an overview of the EU best practices in the area of the organizational structure of the relevant authorities and bodies in the railway sector provided for by the railway legislation of the European Union.

Task 1.2: Defining an optimal internal organization of the Directorate for Railways

The Consultant will analyze the organizational structure of the Directorate for Railways, i.e. its internal organization and administrative and human resources capacities, and, based on the analysis conducted within Task 1.1 and an alternative analysis, propose possible changes to the organizational structure of the Directorate for Railways so that it can more effectively fulfill its goals and responsibilities.

- **Activity 2:** Training and technical support for improving the Directorate for Railways capacity..

Task 2.1: Knowledge transfer and training of employees in the Directorate for Railways regarding procedures for control of track access charges

The Consultant will organize the training of employees in the Directorate for Railways regarding the main procedures for control of track access charges.

Task 2.2: Knowledge transfer and training of employees in the Directorate for Railways regarding powers and actions of the body responsible for the enforcement of the Regulation (EC) No 1371/2007 on rail passengers' rights and obligations regarding Article 28 of this Regulation

The Consultant will organize the training of employees in the Directorate for Railways in the area of rail passengers' rights and obligations.

Task 2.3: Knowledge transfer and training of employees in the Directorate for Railways regarding issuing of authorizations for placing in service of fixed structural subsystems

The Consultant will organize the training of employees in the Directorate for Railways regarding issuing of authorizations for placing in service of fixed structural subsystems.

Task 2.4: Knowledge transfer and training of employees in the Directorate for Railways regarding NSA procedures within issuance and supervision of safety certificates / safety authorizations

Contract duration for both Components: 8 months starting from the commencement date.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced consulting services is posted on the website of the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure (MoCTI)

<https://mgsi.gov.rs/cir/dokumenti/serbia-railway-sector-modernization-project-srsm-technical-assistance-directorate-railway>

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 Consultant firm will be selected in accordance with QCBS (Quality-and Cost-Based Selection) method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016, revised November 2017, August 2018 and November 2020). The Client intends to shortlist up to eight eligible firms to whom a subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP), both technical and financial, shall be sent.

The assignment will require a qualified consulting company or Joint Venture that can demonstrate extensive experience in the regulation of the rail market and also rail safety field. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture (JV) and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Furthermore, Expressions of interest of JVs will be evaluated based on the composition of JV submitted, whereas the experience of other firms not included in the JV will not be considered in the evaluation. The experience of any proposed sub-consultancy shall not be included in the evaluation. Key Experts' CV are not required and will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The following shortlisting criteria will be applied to all consulting firms that have submitted EoI:

The Consulting firm must be a legal entity. Shortlisting will be based on the following criteria:

- i) **General Experience:** Experience in developing railway reform process, with at least two projects of rail transport in the past 8 years.
- ii) **Specific Experience:** The Consultant (individual company or joint venture altogether) has implemented and successfully completed, during the last five years (from the January 2017 up to the deadline for the receipt of applications indicated below):
 - at least one (1) contracts in a field related to railway market regulation in EU
 - At least one (1) contract in a field of railway safety in EU.
- iii) **Availability of qualified experts within the organization/JV** with relevant experience in the field, such as, railway market regulation, passenger rights, railway safety, etc.

As a proof, the Consultant firm shall prepare a table listing following information: name of the relevant assignment, name of a firm that conducted the assignment, short scope of work, year of contract implementation, country/region, contact reference (name, e-mail, phone number).

Allocation of points:

- i. General Experience 20 points
- ii. Specific Experience 30 points
- iii. Availability of qualified experts 50 points

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 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.

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 **February 8, 2023, 12:00 hours, noon, local time.**

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