

## **DEADLINE EXTENSION**

**from August 15, 2022, to September 5, 2022**

**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 Advisory for the preparation of Technical Specifications for the Procurement and Implementation of a Rail Infrastructure Asset Management System Implementation (RI-AMS) and the state-of-the-art analysis of the environment for its implementation**

**Reference No. SER-SRSM-QCBS-CS-21-22**

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 objectives of the Services are to develop technical specification for the RI-AMS for Railway Infrastructure company and support the company during RI-AMS procurement and implementation. This will be achieved through: (1) state-of-the-art analysis of the existing RI-AMS environment at IZS and propose necessary intervention for its improvements; (2) through needs assessment with recommendations for necessary improvements of RI-AMS practices and a roadmap for RI-AMS rolling out with corresponding action plan, timelines, cost estimation and clear responsibilities; (3) development of Technical Specifications for the implementation of the RI-AMS system, and (5) provision of support to the Railway Infrastructure company in procurement and RI-AMS implementation stage.

The Scope of Work is divided into two Components:

- Component 1: RI-AMS Design stage that includes Activities from 1 to 5 which will be performed as Lump Sum payments with milestones against submission of deliverables and,
- Component 2: RI-AMS Procurement and Implementation stage that includes Activity 6 which will be performed as Time Based payments with periodic payments against time actually spent on the services.

Component 1 assumes the following activities:

- Activity 1: Inception
- Activity 2 Analysis of the current State-of-Play and State-of-Practice
- Activity 3: Rail Asset Management Needs assessment and roadmap for introduction of fully functioning road asset management system
- Activity 4: Preparation of Implementation plan and Technical Specifications for RI-AMS
- Activity 5: RI-AMS Trainings

Component 2 assumes the following activities:

- Activity 6: Procurement and Implementation supervision support

**Contract duration for both Components: 24 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-rail-infrastructure-asset-management>

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 assignment will require a qualified consulting company or consortium that can demonstrate extensive experience in Technical assistance service for the contract.

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

- i) The Consulting firm must be a legal entity;
- ii) **General Experience:** Experience in railway sector with at least 2 projects in railway related sector in the past 8 years;
- iii) **Specific Experience:** The consultant (individual company or joint venture altogether) must demonstrate extensive experience in delivering similar size scope work by presenting, at least 2 projects successfully completed in the last 8 years in the field of Asset management information systems in state-owned railways enterprises.

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 explanation of scope of work, year of contract implementation, country/region, contact reference (name, e-mail, phone number).

- iv) **Availability of qualified experts within the organization/JV** with relevant experience in the field of Rail asset management system.

As a proof, the Consultant firm shall provide organization chart and list of qualified experts within the firm who are relevant to the assignment, position in the firm and short description of relevant qualifications and experience.

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.**

**Shortlisting of firms will be based on the following of points:**

- i. General Experience 30 points
- ii. Specific Experience 40 points
- iii. Availability of qualified experts within the organization/JV 30 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 **September 5, 2022, 12:00 hours, noon, local time**.

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