

DEADLINE EXTENSION

from February 9, 2022, to February 17, 2022

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) – Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist

Reference No. SER-SRSM-IC-CS-21-09

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 and the 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 M&E Specialist of the PIU will be responsible for the following duties:

- Establish a M&E system, consistent with the World Bank and AFD loans M&E framework, that ensures the ongoing collection and management of quality data throughout the life of the Project;
- Monitor the overall Project progress through schedule monitoring (by comparing actual completion to expected completion), quality monitoring (whether deliverable meets the Client's expectations), cost monitoring (to identify whether or not the Project and/or specific activity(ies) are still within the assigned budget),
- M&E system should also include a framework for monitoring progress of each activity and record main milestones/issues in a uniform way
- Develop M&E tools such as surveys, questionnaires, other tools; analyze and visual the data for reports and internal decision making;
- Maintain a uniform and consistent data collection and reporting methodology and schedule, and ensure consistent and timely application of all M&E systems and standards;
- In coordination with Beneficiaries, draft/prepare M&E plans and associated M&E templates;
- Collect qualitative and quantitative data on Project deliverables, results and impact; collate, consolidate and prepare quarterly, semi-annual and annual reports and data submissions;
- Liaise with PITs and other relevant stakeholders to ensure realistic inputs into annual plan and target setting exercises, and on implementation of coordinated monitoring and evaluation systems
- Assisting the Head of the PIU in preparing the PIU Reports to the Client and World Bank Cost, Time, Resources, and Scope;
- Close cooperation with other PIU staff to be selected for support to implementation of the Project, and
- Any other task assigned by the Head of the PIU.

It is expected that the period over which the consultant shall provide the Services will be 60 months, respectively by the end of the project dated December 30, 2026. The assignment is part-time and it is estimated that total input of the Consultant will be 600 days over the Contract period. The Consultant should be available to commence no later than one month after the contract signature.

In order to be selected, the Consultant must possess, at the minimum, the following qualifications:

- A minimum of a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering, Transport and Traffic Engineering, Statistics, Economics, Finance, Social Sciences, Public Administration or similar;
- Minimum 10 years of general professional experience;
- Minimum 7 years of experience in monitoring/evaluation and project management – relevant to these TORs;
- Experience working on baseline, mid-term and final program/projects evaluations;
- Experience in complex projects management, including schedule and deliverable management;
- Experience with designing and using evaluation tools and methods such as surveys, interviews, focus groups, and research from secondary sources;
- Excellent communications skills to present information, respond to questions and write reports;
- Previous experience with IFI or EU projects will be advantage;
- Experience working in transport/construction/logistics sector will be advantage;
- Fluency in both written and spoken English;
- Knowledge of Serbian language will be advantage;
- Computer skills: Word, Excel, Project Management tools (e.g.: MS Project or similar);
- Project Management with multiple stakeholders;
- Self-Planning & Organizing, Problem Solving, Communication, Teamwork, Initiative..

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) www.mgsi.gov.rs/en/dokuments/serbia-railway-sector-modernization-srsm-project-piu.

The Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the 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 the assignment:

- Qualifications and Competence relevant to the Assignment (40 Points)
- Specific Experience relevant to the Assignment (60 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 **February 17, 2022, 12:00 hours, noon, local time.**

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

Contact: E-mail:	Address:
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