

**EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FROM JUNE 3, 2025 TO JUNE 10, 2025**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION**

**Republic of Serbia**

**The Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation Project (WBTTF)**

**Project ID No. P162043**

**Assignment Title:**

**Development of National Transport Strategy 2027 – 2034**

**Reference No. SER-WBTTF-QCBS-CS-25-28**

The Republic of Serbia (RoS) has received financing in the amount of EUR 35 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) toward the cost of the Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation Project (WBTTF), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for consulting services to be procured under this project.

### **Scope of Work**

Scope of the Work of the consultant to be engaged is split into the five main tasks as follow:

- Task 1. Current status analysis and performance assessment
- Task 2. Setting up mission, vision, objectives and Key Performance Indicators for the transport sector
- Task 3. Draft National Transport Strategy with Action Plan
- Task 4. Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment
- Task 5. Assistance to the MCTI for public consultations

The **period of implementation** of the contract will be **9 months** starting from the commencement date. It should be noted that current WBTTF Project Completion Date is December 15, 2025, and that the MCTI initiated at the IBRD its extension for additional 23 months. Therefore, contract signature with successful Consultant under this tendering procedure, and consequently execution of the contract, is conditioned by IBRD approval of requested extension of the WBTTF Project Completion Date.

The detailed Terms of References for the above referenced consulting services are posted on the official website of the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure <https://www.mgsi.gov.rs/en/dokuments/request-expression-interest-consulting-services-firm-selection>

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 assignment will require a qualified consulting company or a joint venture that can demonstrate extensive experience in developing strategic documents, fulfilling following criteria:

- i. The Consultant must be a legal entity;
- ii. The Consultant (individual company or joint venture altogether) has successfully completed, during the last seven years (from the January 2018 up to the deadline

for the receipt of applications indicated below), at least two (2) contracts that are similar to these Services. Similarity will be assessed based on the complexity of the assignments, such as the development of strategic documents and/or plans for the transport sector at the national/regional level or covering at least two modes of transport. Experience in preparing strategic documents and/or plans in Serbia, in accordance with the Law on the Planning System of the Republic of Serbia, will be considered as strong advantage.

- iii. The Consultant (individual company or joint venture altogether) has successfully completed, during the last seven years (from the January 2018 up to the deadline for the receipt of applications indicated below), at least one (1) contract for development of strategic documents/plans, or assessment of effects of implementation of strategic documents/plans delivered in EU country or candidate country.

The experience and financial record of any proposed sub-consultancy shall not be included in the evaluation.

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 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, Eols of JVs will be evaluated based on composition of JV submitted whereas experience of other firms not included in the JV, including proposed sub consultants, will not be considered in the evaluation.

**Key Experts' CV are not required and will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.**

MCTI, as Contracting Authority, intends to shortlist up to eight eligible firms to whom a subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP), both technical and financial, shall be sent. In the event that more than eight firms fulfil all the qualifying criteria above, the MCTI shall use the following criteria to rank the applicants and the top eight shall be invited to submit proposals: (i) The number of contracts in a field related to these Services brought as reference in para (3) above, and in case of equality on this criterion, then the value of the eligible part (the value of the activities carried out by the candidate) of the projects found eligible in para (3).

As a proof, the Consultant firm shall prepare a table listing following information: name of the relevant assignments, value of the assignment (total and value of the services delivered by the candidate), short scope of work, year of contract's implementation (starting/ending date), country/region, contact reference (name, e-mail, phone number), signed certificate of the ordering side on completion of the assignment.

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).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of 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 **June 10, 2025**, 12:00 hours, noon, local time.

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