REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

**Republic of Serbia**

**Local Infrastructure and Institutional Development (LIID) Project**

**Project ID No. P174251**

**Assignment Title:**

* **Road Asset Management Specialist (part time), Reference No. SER-LIID-IC-CS-24-31**

The Republic of Serbia has received financing in the amount of EUR 265,200,000 equivalent from the World Bank and the Agency Francaise de Development toward the cost of the Serbia Local Infrastructure and Institutional Development (LIID) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project.

**Scope of work**

The Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure (MCTI) intends to engage a highly qualified individual consultant - Road asset management specialist, to provide services as a part-time member of the PIU.

The Road asset management specialist will perform tasks of the LIID Project related to urban transport system development with the main focus of Component 1: Climate Smart Mobility, and specifically, related to the sub-component 1.2 Sustainable Mobility [TA and tools] to improve local road network management and resilience.

This component's activities aim to improve transport infrastructure resilience by applying a sustainable transport planning approach. The objective is to improve existing transport and associated infrastructure to support climate-smart mobility and move toward a safe, green, clean transportation system. The main activities of road asset management specialists are organizing, coordinating and monitoring the improvement of local road network management and infrastructure resilience.

The Road asset management specialist will serve as the main PIU focal person responsible for the local roads management framework and support PIU in project planning and implementation.

The Road asset management specialist works under the supervision of the Head of PIU and will be responsible for:

* Support the Head and Deputy Head of the PIU in organizing, coordinating, integrating, and monitoring operations related to the assignment, both at the PIU premises and in the field, during its preparation and implementation;
* Providing technical input and administrative and managerial support to the LSGs in the process of preparation and performance of activities and obligations related to the road asset management system that shall be developed and implemented;
* Providing technical input and assisting in the procurement of the Technical Advisory for Improvement of Local Road Management, including development of national policy for management and financing, inventories and RAMS, multiannual infrastructure planning and pipeline identification (participation in preparation of Procurement Documents and relevant technical documents such as Terms of References);
* Assist in technical and financial evaluation of proposals, if required;
* Accountable for strengthening municipalities’ planning and implementation capacity related to the RAMS;
* Providing support to the municipalities in RAMS introduction for maintenance and rehabilitation planning and support in data collection needs;
* Ensure quality of the municipal RAMS system and quality of road maintenance procedure and contracts;
* Ensure that best practices of road management should be incorporated in LSG plans and programs;
* Providing support in training/capacity-building activities that will build local government capacity to develop simple RAMS as well as internal training as needed on RAMS-related matters to the PIU staff, the MCTI, LSGs, and other ministries, and other relevant stakeholders;
* Participate in PIU progress and other reports preparation, including reporting obligation to WB, AFD, Steering Committee and MCTI;
* Issue Monthly Reports for the assigned and performed activities to the Head of PIU with brief descriptions of progress and challenges while providing sound solutions to overcome implementation difficulties;
* Perform other duties in support of project preparation and implementation, as required.

**Timeframe and Duration**

Duration of the contract is three (3) years (36 months).

The Consultant is expected to provide part-time services up to 10 working days per month.

Probationary period is six (6) months.

The Consultant shall not be engaged more than 48 hours per week cumulatively for this assignment plus any other additional assignments/contracts.

**Required qualifications:**

The Road asset management specialist should possess:

* Advanced university degree (Master’s degree or equivalent) in Civil engineering/ Transport or Traffic engineering
* More than 10 years of demonstrated experience in road infrastructure development projects;
* More than 5 years of demonstrated experience in road projects which support introduction or implementation of road asset management system;
* Relevant experience with projects of international financial institutions will be considered as an advantage;
* Experience in delivering technical assistance to LSGs in road management will be considered an advantage;
* Experience with projects of relevant national and EU legislation which are related to activities from this ToR will be considered as an advantage;
* Competence for incorporating gender perspectives into substantive work and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work; commitment to the goal of gender balance in staffing and creating a gender-sensitive working environment that pays attention to work/life issues;
* Knowledge of computer, office software, and web-based applications ( Auto CAD r similar) use
* Working knowledge of written and spoken Serbian and English

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 evaluation criteria for the assignment:

• Qualifications and Competence relevant to the Assignment ( 50 Points)

• Specific Experience relevant to the Assignment ( 50 Points)

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants* as set out in the Regulations.

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 **November 13, 2024, 12:00 hours, noon**, local time.

Interested consultants must provide **Cover Letter** (**name and reference number of the assignment to be indicated in the email**) and **CV** representing description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills (**scanned diplomas to be sent with CV**).

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