

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION

Republic of Serbia

The Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation Project (WBTF)

Project ID No. P162043

Assignment Title:

SERVICE FOR TECHNICAL CONTROL OF DESIGNS FOR RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS

Reference No. SER-WBTF-CQ-CS-22-21

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 (WBTF), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for consulting services to be procured under this project.

Scope of Work

The Consultant shall organize his work as to ensure technical control services from the beginning of design preparation up to its completion, respectively in parallel with preparation of Preliminary Design by the Works Contractor(s). For the Preliminary Designs covered by the Services whose preparation has started prior to award of the contract for technical control, the Consultant shall, as early as possible, perform the control of already completed parts of designs and shall apply to control of the remaining part of technical documents in parallel with preparation of those documents.

In this respect, the Consultant will provide professional inputs, advices and support during preparation and implementation of the Preliminary Designs for specific Railway Level Crossings (the list of 58 RLCs is attached as Appendix 1 to the ToR) in RoS through the provision of appropriate suggestions, comments for designs and costing estimates. Activities on technical control for specific Preliminary Design shall be considered as completed upon issuing of Report on the technical control by the Consultant.

However, if the Ministry in line rejects to issue Decision on approval for works (construction solution) due to defects of the Preliminary Design and/or Report on the technical control, the Consultant shall perform the technical control of revised Preliminary Design and issue new Report or made required corrections in the previously issued Report in accordance with the issued remarks no later than 2 weeks following receipt of the revised Preliminary Design. The Consultant shall not be entitled to any compensation based on that reason.

The Consultant shall execute Technical Design control of the Preliminary Design in accordance with the Law on Planning and Construction ("The Official Gazette of RS" No. 72/2009, 81/2009-corr., 64/2010-decision US, 24/2011, 121/2012, 42 / 2013- US decision, 50/2013-US decision, 98/2013-US decision 132/2014, 145/2014, 83/2018, 31/2019, 37 / 19– other Law, 9/2020 and 52/2021), Regulations on the content, manner and procedure of preparation and performing control of technical documentation and according to the class and purpose of the facility ("The Official Gazette of RS" No. 73/2019). Further, during the process of technical control of the Preliminary Designs, the Consultant must apply all legal and other regulations, technical norms and standards, while respecting quality norms. The Consultant shall execute Technical Design control of the Preliminary Design in accordance with the Law on Environmental Impact Assessment ("The Official Gazette of RS" No. 135/2004 and 36/2009). Respectively, while performing the Technical Control, the Consultant shall comply with following:

- Valid laws, regulations and quality standards related to the Services being provided;

- Requirements from this ToR and the Contract
- Requirements related to safety
- Positive practices for this type of Services.

PIU will, in addition to the ToRs for each specific RLCs (given as Appendix 2 to the ToR), collect and supply the Consultant with documentation relevant for the review and preparation of the Technical Control Report, which will include following:

- 1) Existing technical documentation of the railway track at the intersection of the railway with the road;
- 2) Geodetic survey of the intersection of the railway and the road;
- 3) Records of the railway commission on the current condition of the level crossings;
- 4) Timetable of official places;
- 5) Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for the Project;
- 6) Conceptual design and Location conditions for each of the specific RLC prepared by the Works Contractor(s) and
- 7) Preliminary design for each of the specific RLC prepared by the Works Contractor(s).

For the purpose of Technical Control of the Preliminary Design the Consultant shall be required to check, as minimum, following:

- Is the Preliminary Design prepared in accordance with the respective ToR;
- Is the Preliminary Design compliant with laws and other regulations, standards and norms relevant for designing and execution of the works for reconstruction and rising the security level on level crossings;
- Does the Preliminary Design include all elements needed for execution of the Works determined by the law, fully in accordance with the relevant regulations that define contents and scope of preliminary work content and manner in which the technical documentation should be prepared;
- Is the Preliminary Design prepared in accordance with the location conditions and whether it includes consents and approvals of all relevant institutions;
- Is geodetic work executed in accordance with requirements from the relevant ToR and for requested level of accuracy of data;
- Is the BoQ within the Preliminary Design complete and whether quantities and measurement units are correctly calculated and stated;
- Is the Preliminary Design compliant to the World Bank Environmental and Social Safeguard policies and guidelines and in line with ESMF.

All correspondence during the execution of the Services between the Consultant and Works Contractor(s) shall be made exclusively in writing in Serbian with translation on English language, and with copy to Supervision Consultant, PIU and IZS.

IZS shall ensure monitoring of design preparation and activities on technical control, as well as provide clarification of requirements given in the ToRs, when needed, and timely inform PIU on any identified major issue that might negatively impact on foreseen dynamic of Contract execution.

Contract duration: 12 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, Transportation and Infrastructure (MCTI) <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 following criteria will be applied to all consulting firms that have submitted EoI:

- i) The Consulting firm must be a legal entity;
- ii) 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) contract in a field related to these Services, i.e. design and/or design technical control for RLCs' equipment installation. Contracts for design and/or design technical control for construction/reconstruction/rehabilitation of railway which included RLCs equipment installation, as well, shall be considered acceptable for this criterion. Participation of the Consultant should be minimum 60% of the contract brought as reference;
- iii) Experience in railway sector in Republic of Serbia.

In the event that more firms fulfil all the qualifying criteria above, MoCTI shall use the following criteria to rank the applicants: (i) the number of contracts in the field related to these Services brought as reference in para (ii) above and in case of equality on this criterion, then the value of eligible part (the value of activities carried by the consultant) of the projects found eligible in para (ii).

As a proof, the Consultant firm shall prepare a table listing following information: name of the relevant assignments, short scope of work, and value of the eligible part (the value of activities carried out by the Consultant), year of contract's implementation, country/region, contact reference (name, e-mail, phone number).

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

Key Experts' CV are not required and will not be evaluated at this stage, but will be subject of contract negotiations with first ranked/winning firm/JV. Winning firm/JV should make sure the proposed key staff fulfills the qualification requirements set forth in ToR for respective key staff positions.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method as set out in 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) ("the Regulations").

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 **July 21, 2022**, 12:00 hours, noon, local time.

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