

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION

Republic of Serbia

Local Infrastructure and Institutional Development Project (LIID)

Project ID No. P174251

Assignment Title:

ROAD SAFETY AUDIT OF LOCAL ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND CAPACITY BUILDING OF THE LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENTS (LSGs) UNDER THE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT (LIID) PROJECT

Reference No. SER-LIID-QCBS-CS-25-37

The Republic of Serbia has received financing in the amount of US\$ 300 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and Development and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) toward the cost of the Local Infrastructure and Institutional Development Project (LIID), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for consulting services to be procured under this project.

Scope of Work

The specific objectives of the assignment are:

- To conduct a Road Safety Audit (RSA) of selected roads/ public area projects undertaken by the LSGs by reviewing the design of the road and roadside and identifying the elements of the design of the newly reconstructed or rehabilitated road or the design of access/egress to the public area that may adversely affect road safety in the context of LSG's project;
- Identifying and recommending the best international road safety practice whenever applicable in designing local roads and implementation of local road improvements for LSG's projects;
- Conducting RSA capacity building of LSG staff members in various aspects of road safety such that they appreciate the need to integrate road safety aspects in planning, design, and operation of roads in their jurisdictions and develop guidance for further improvement in road safety performance in LSGs.

In general, the Services include:

- Conducting complete RSA on local road projects with the aim of identifying potential risks and proposing measures to improve safety;
- Conducting partial RSA on local road projects focusing on pre-opening audit (an audit before works completion and issuing taking over certificate) and post-opening audit with the aim of verifying the adequacy of applied designed road safety measures;
- Capacity building of LSG professionals in all 145 LSGs through training in various aspects of road safety related to different phases of the road life cycle, including planning, design, and maintenance of local roads;
- Capacity building of LSG professionals delegated to implement and monitor local road investment projects through on-the-job training during the performance of RSA by the Consultant to ensure competence in the application of the procedures prescribed by the regulation on the audit and inspection of road safety;

- Development of Action plans for road safety improvements on the local level in selected LSGs to provide strategic tools for identifying and prioritizing specific measures to achieve set road safety goals and outputs in mid- and long-term planning and operation;
- Transfer of international and regional experiences and best worldwide practices through all Services activities to establish and adopt the latest approaches and measures in road safety.

Estimated contract duration: 36 months.

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/cir/dokumenti/javni-konkursi>

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 Consultant (consulting company or a joint venture) that can demonstrate extensive experience in the above Services.

The following shortlisting criteria will be applied to all consulting firms (individual company or joint venture overall) that have submitted EoI:

1. **Criterion:** Proven general experience and verifiable track record in providing consultancy/technical assistance in the area of transport policy advice, particularly in Western Balkan countries within the past ten (10) years.
Scoring: The Consultant shall be awarded **up to 15 points** based on the quality and relevance of their project references. Relevant project areas include: Transport Planning and Strategy, Sustainable and Green Transport, Public Transport System Design, Transport Infrastructure Development, Transport Safety and Security, Transport Regulatory and Institutional Frameworks, Traffic Management and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), Transportation Financing and Economic Evaluation, Global Transport Policy Alignment, Crisis Management and Resilience in Transport Systems.
2. **Criterion:** Proven specific expertise in providing Road Safety Audit (RSA) successfully completed within the last ten (10) years, with preference given to projects related to the local road networks and in the country and the region (Western Balkans).
Scoring: The Consultant shall be awarded **up to 40 points** based on the quality and relevance of their project references.
3. **Criterion:** Proven specific experience in delivering training related to Road Safety Audit (RSA) and other road safety measures successfully completed within the last ten (10), with preference given to projects related to the local road networks and in the country and the region (Western Balkans).
Scoring: The Consultant shall be awarded **up to 25 points** based on the quality and relevance of their project references.
4. **Criterion:** Proven specific experience in developing Road Safety Action Plans for local road networks successfully completed within the last ten (10) years, with preference given to projects conducted in the country and the region (Western Balkans).
Scoring: The Consultant shall be awarded **up to 20 points** based on the quality and relevance of their project references.

The maximum score that can be awarded to the Consultant is 100 points based on the cumulative evaluation of all criteria.

The experience and record 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.

MCTI, as Contracting Authority, intends to shortlist five to eight eligible firms to whom a subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP), both technical and financial, shall be sent.

As a proof, the Consultant firm shall prepare a table listing following information: name of the relevant assignments, year of contract's implementation, information on contract value, percentage carried out by Consultant in case of association of firms and short description of main activities, contracting entity/client, 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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection as set out in the Regulations.

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 (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 May 05, 2025, 12:00 hours, noon, local time.

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