

EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FROM AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

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) – Transport Economist

Reference No. SER-SRSM-IC-CS-21-07-4

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

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- Providing expert advice on financial and economic issues related to the Project, especially within multidisciplinary project components;
- Prepare and participate in the preparation of the Terms of References and Bidding Documents as well as in assisting the evaluation committee on the evaluation of expressions of interest and proposals related Project sub-components;
- Planning, monitoring and administering technical delivery of work, respectively surveys, analysis, strategies, etc.;
- Coordination, commenting, guiding, overseeing as well as reviewing studies and other deliverables within the area of expertise for smooth delivery of services;
- Provide support for all aspects related to demand and supply analysis, regulatory assessments, as well as economic and financial analysis;
- Contribute to efforts in knowledge management to ensure best practices and lessons learned related to railway management and institutional/governance approaches are reflected in railway operations;
- Participation in development planning, including integrated land use and transportation planning, transport investment and economic development under Project components;
- Contribute to activities for advocacy, dissemination and knowledge building around railway sector issues;
- Promote the adoption of technological innovations, institutional/governance setups, financial frameworks, rules and regulations, and commercial practices in railway projects;
- Liaising with the PITs, Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) and Head of the PIU regarding inputs needed to prepare Bidding Documents, Terms of Reference, Monitoring Reports etc.

- Management of service contracts, ensuring their completion within a defined timeframe, budget and at the required quality;
- Assisting the Head of the PIU in preparing the PIU Reports to the World Bank;
- Close cooperation with other PIU/PIT staff in the implementation of Project components;
- 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 32 months, with a probationary period of six (6) months. The assignment is part-time, and it is estimated that the total input of the Consultant will be 250 days over the Contract period. The consultant shall not be engaged in more than 48 hours per week cumulatively for this assignment plus any other additional assignments/contracts. 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:

- Educational qualifications: At least a (M.A.) University Degree in Economics/Finance/ or in Traffic Engineering, Business Administration or similar;
- Area of professional expertise: Corporate/Project finance, Transport economy and/or market economist (revenues, tariffs, etc.);
- Minimum 8 years of general professional experience;
- Minimum 5 years of professional experience in financial management/financial restructuring or financial analysis/market analysis
- Experience in work with IFI and/or EU projects highly appreciated
- Experience working with or within the public sector is highly appreciated
- Experience in the railway sector will be considered as an advantage;
- Knowledge of Serbian language;
- Good knowledge of English language
- Computer skills: MS Office tools
- Participation in Project Management with multiple stakeholders will be highly appreciated;
- 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) <https://mgsi.gov.rs/cir/dokumenti/serbia-railway-sector-modernization-project-srsm-individualni-konsultanti-piu-i-pit>

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 General experience (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 **September 11, 2023, 12:00 Noon**, local time.

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

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