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ALBANIAN ROAD AUTHORITY
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(For Selection of an International Individual Consultant)

ALBANIA
BUILDING RESILIENT BRIDGES PROJECT (BRBP)

Project ID No.: P174595

Loan No.: 94790-AL

Assignment Title: Technical Assistance for Independent Multi-Stage Road Safety Audits of Priority Bridges

Reference No. Ref. No: AL-ARA-504059-CS-INDV

The Government of the Republic of Albania (GoA) has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in the form of Loan toward the cost of Building Resilient Bridges Project (BRBP).

The Albanian Road Authority (ARA), under the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (MIE), is designated as the implementing agency for the BRBP. To ensure the effective utilization of the loan and achieve the project's objectives, ARA intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the contract for which the terms of reference are issued to engage consultancy services for conducting comprehensive road safety audits on several priority bridges situated at various locations across the Albanian road network.

The consulting services ("the Services") will consist of undertaking the following activities:

- **Stage 1: Audit Design Stage:** Carry out independent Road Safety Audits at the detailed design stage to identify potential safety issues early in the process. This includes analyzing design elements such as sight lines, roadway geometry, and pedestrian facilities to ensure they meet safety standards and best practices. The goal is to provide timely feedback that allows designers to make necessary adjustments before finalizing the detail design, thus preventing costly redesigns later.
- **Stage 2: Audit at the Construction /Pre-opening Stage:** Monitor and assess road safety during the construction phase. This involves reviewing the implementation of Traffic Management Plans (TMPs), ensuring that safety measures are effectively communicated and adhered to by all stakeholders, and evaluating the impact of construction activities on traffic flow and safety. The audit will also focus on identifying hazards that may arise during construction and ensuring that safety protocols are in place to mitigate these risks.
- **Stage 3 Audit: Operational Stage:** Conduct audits 3-6 months after the project has opened to evaluate the safety performance of the bridges in real-world conditions. This stage aims to assess any accidents or near-misses that may have occurred, analyze traffic patterns, and identify infrastructure-related challenges that were not addressed during the design or construction phases. Feedback from this audit will be crucial for ongoing safety enhancements.

The consultancy service for the road safety audit will be conducted intermittently over a period of approximately 3 years offering the approximate level efforts two hundred and fifty-six (256) person-days (i.e. 132 home-based, 124 on-site) provided on an intermittent basis in accordance with the progress of the bridge projects. The intended commencement date is September 2025, subject to the completion of service contract award procedure.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website <https://www.arrsh.gov.al/> (<https://www.arrsh.gov.al/njoftime-brbp>).



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The Albanian Road Authority now invites eligible Individual 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 as follows:

Educational Background:

- Degree in Civil Engineering, Transportation Engineering, or a related field.
- A recognized certification in Road Safety Auditing (RSA) or an equivalent international qualification in road safety management is considered an advantage.

Professional Experience:

- A minimum of 15 years of international experience in road safety engineering, particularly in projects of similar scale and complexity to this assignment.
- The consultant must demonstrate at least 3 road safety audit assignments in conducting Road Safety Audits (RSA) and Road Safety Inspection (RSI), as a lead road safety auditor, for large road infrastructure projects, particularly in the context of bridges, highways, and urban transport.
- Familiarity with the European Commission Directive 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management will be considered a significant advantage.
- Experience in European and Balkan countries will be considered an advantage

Language Proficiency:

Fluency in English, with excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Applicants that fulfill the qualification requirements will be further evaluated based on the below criteria:

- a) General Qualification – 30 points
- b) Adequacy for the assignment – 60 points
- c) Language – 10 points

The service will be selected under the provisions of the World Bank Procurement Regulations for Borrowers under Investment Project Financing” dated July 1, 2016, revised on November 2017, August 2018, and November 2020, based on the method of Selection of Individual Selection (IC) under time-based contract.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 08:00 to 16:30 (Monday to Thursday) and 08:00 to 14:00 on Friday at the address given below.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by mail, or by e-mail by August 20, 2025, at 16:00 hrs. local time.

The address referred to above is:

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