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PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

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

ALBANIA

BUILDING RESILIENT BRIDGES (BRB)

Project ID.: P174595

Loan No. 94790-AL

Assignment Title: Selection of International Individual Technical Assistant

Reference No. AL-ARA-352319-CS-INDV

The Government of Albania (GoA) through the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (MIE), has received financing for the “Building Resilient Bridges” (BRB) Program, from the World Bank (the Bank). The project’s development objectives are: (a) to enhance resilience to climate change and natural hazards of Albania’s critical bridge infrastructure and (b) to improve road and bridge asset management.

Part of this funding has been earmarked to assist the Albanian Road Authority (ARA) to collect the required data and develop a needs-based strategic plan for the maintenance of the assets on its road network and development of annual maintenance works programmes. The requirements from the consultant are described below.

The overarching objective of this consultancy is to assist the ARA in continued development operationalization, and institutionalization of RAMS and BMS. Specifically, the individual consultant (an international expert) will provide technical expertise, to the ARA in evaluating and enhancing the existing systems, supporting the procurement process for consulting services for data collection, system population, and road condition assessments, and strengthening ARA's institutional capacity for the long-term sustainability of the RAMS/BMS.

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

The Albanian Road Authority now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Candidates should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and be able to demonstrate previous experience as International Individual Consultant with expertise in road asset management as follows:

Educational Background:

- The individual consultant shall be a qualified professional engineer with a Master's Degree Civil Engineering, Transportation Engineering, Infrastructure Management, or a related field. Relevant certifications or advanced training in Road Asset Management or similar domains will be an added advantage.

Professional Experience:

- At least of ten (10) years of international experience in road asset management, infrastructure planning, and management systems, with a focus on road maintenance, budgeting, and data-driven decision-making.
- Proven experience in the development, implementation, and management of RAMS/BMS including GIS-based systems, is essential.
- Familiarity with HDM4 (Highway Development and Management model) or similar road management tools is highly desirable.



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- Demonstrated previous experience in procurement processes, particularly in drafting ToRs for consulting services particularly in road asset management.
- Experience working on similar projects in countries with developing or transitional economies, particularly within institutional and organizational settings comparable to ARA would be an asset.
- Experience in institutional capacity building, including development of training programs, or organizational strengthening plans related to road asset management systems.

Language Proficiency:

Fluency in English, with excellent written and verbal communication skills

This assignment is part-time in nature with an estimated duration of 50 working days, to be completed over a period of 12 months, from May 2025. The exact commencement date will be confirmed upon finalizing the contract and mutual agreement between the ARA and the selected Individual Consultant.

While the majority of the tasks will be conducted remotely, the Consultant may be required to attend meetings and undertake field visits to Albania to fulfill specific tasks as outlined in the scope of services. These field visits are expected at key milestones, particularly for tasks involving in-person assessments, data validation, and stakeholder engagement. The Consultant is expected to allocate at least 30% of their time for these field-related activities, which will include a minimum of three separate missions to Albania. During these visits, the Consultant will be provided with a fully equipped office at ARA headquarters in Tirana, which will include internet access, printing facilities, and other necessary work resources

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 interested candidates will be selected in accordance with the Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants (IC) method set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Procurement Regulations), in investment project financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services November 2020.

Further information can be obtained during office hours 08:00 to 16:30 (Monday to Thursday) and 08:00 to 14:00 on Fridays 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 April 25, 2025, at 14:00 hrs. local time.

The address referred to above is:

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