

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

ALBANIA

Results – based Road Maintenance and Safety Project (RRMSP)

Loan No. 8489 – ALB

Selection of International Individual Technical Assistant

Reference No. CS 11 – 13

The Albanian Road Authority (ARA) through the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (MoTI) of the Government of Albania, has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Results – based Road Maintenance and Safety Project (RRMSP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Loan for the selection of an international individual consultant (International Expert), who will be assigned as a Technical Adviser to the ARA Project Director and will be responsible for providing advisory support and guidance to the Project Management Team (PMT) in the implementation and management of RRMSP.

The overarching objective of the technical assistance services is to ensure that RRMSP is completed on the agreed time schedule and that the RRMSP project development objective (PDO) is successfully achieved; where the PDO is to (a) maintain the condition and improve the safety of the primary roads and primary secondary roads in Albania; and (b) strengthen sustainable and efficient road asset management systems and safety practices for the benefit of road users.

The individual consultant will be responsible for the following key tasks and will not be limited to:

1. Managing the overall implementation of four civil works contracts and one Monitoring Consulting services contract, for maintaining about 1335 km of road network using Output and Performance Based Road Maintenance (OPBRM) procedures.
2. Providing guidance and support to the PMT, in order that it can fulfil the roles and responsibilities as provided in the RRMSP Operational Manual.
3. Providing guidance and support to ARA and MoTI, to implement RRMSP components to institutionalize Road Asset Management System (RAMS) through enhancing ARA's capacity to collect and analyze road data.
4. Providing guidance and support to ARA and MoTI, to implement RRMSP components to operationalize road safety in ARA through introducing road safety audits, and developing an integrated accident recording system.
5. Providing technical and advisory support to ARA, to implement RRMSP components related to finalizing the Transport Sector Strategy and for associated medium term budget planning.
6. Providing technical and advisory support to ARA, to implement RRMSP components related to
7. Project performance monitoring activities including the beneficiary impact assessment, technical audit and reviewing trends within Social Transparency System.
8. Monitoring the performance of RRMSP PDO results indicators through collecting and analyzing data relating to multi – year maintenance plans, road conditions and fatalities.
9. Monitoring the performance of RRMSP DLI through engaging consultants and analyzing data in accordance with agreed Disbursement linked indicators (DLI) framework on maintenance outputs and targets.

10. Providing on the – job training, guidance and assistance to ARA and MoTI staff in all aspects related to the implementation of the RRMSP.

The individual consultant shall be an academically qualified professional engineer with a first degree in Civil Engineering, with twenty (20) years of international experience in the design and/or supervision of highways and road engineering projects including at least fifteen (15) years of experience in road maintenance projects including routine maintenance, periodic maintenance and rehabilitation using Output and Performance Based Road Maintenance (OPBRM) Contracts. The candidate should have at least 10 (ten) years professional experience as a Team Leader in the design, planning and management of road construction and maintenance projects. The knowledge of World Bank procurement guidelines for civil works and consulting services, and contract management of highway projects is essential. The candidate should have experience of technical assistance assignment in developing countries with project administration, leadership, training and advisory skills in the design, supervision and contract management of large civil work contracts using OPBRM contracting procedures. Fluency in both written and spoken English and the ability to communicate ideas freely is essential. The person shall be conversant with necessary computer and road works design/execution and monitoring software(s).

The initial term of assignment will be for three years (36 months), which can be extended provided the performance of the consultant is satisfactory. The total level of effort can be extended to 60 person months, provided the term of the consultancy does not extend beyond December 31, 2021. The individual consultant will be selected in accordance with the World Bank Consultant guidelines of January 2011 and revised July 2014, and the form of the contract will be used as applicable to individual consultant. The ARA will provide to the individual consultant all office facilities including office space, furniture, telephone, fax, printer except personal lap top computer, which the consultant will bring of his/her own.

The ARA now invites eligible individual consultants to express their interest in providing the services by submitting the following information at the address given below.

- a) Name, address, e – mail, and telephone of the individual consultant
- b) Detailed CV of the individual consultant, which should demonstrate how the Consultant meets the qualifications and experience criteria
- c) Availability to commence the services

Interested consultants may submit their expression of interest to the following address not later than 26th September 2016 and can obtain any further information from the address given below:

Attention: Mr. Dashamir Xhika, Director General

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