

# **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (Consultant Services for Road Asset Management System RAMS – FIRMS SELECTION)**

## **ALBANIA**

### **Results – Based Road Maintenance and Safety Project (RRMSP)**

**Loan No:** 8489 – AL

**Project ID No.:** P 132982

**Assignment Title:** Consultant Services for Road Asset Management System for Albania  
National Road Network

**Reference No.** (as per Procurement Plan): CS 3

The Government of the Republic of Albania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Results – Based Road Maintenance and Safety Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the Road Asset Management System services. The Albanian Road Authority (ARA) for and on behalf of the Government of Albania is the Contracting Authority for this consultancy services. The consultancy will be financed by the World Bank (50%) and by GoA (50%).

ARA is establishing a Road Asset Management System (RAMS). The objective of the project is establishment of RAMS system. Design architecture of a complete RAMS in relation to processes (data collection, operation, evaluation and maintenance), people (institutional capabilities) and technology (software, equipment) to cover the Road Network. The consultant also will prepare the terms of reference (draft bidding documents as per World Bank procurement guidelines) and technical specification necessary for the procurement of new systems, software's, equipment for RAMS implementation. All components must be integrated in common IT solution and must be integrated with HDM – 4 as data analyzing tool.

ARA seeks support from an international consultant company to create the Road Asset Management System (RAMS).

The consulting services ("the Services") include: **(i) establishing of RAMS portal; (ii) establishing the Road Data Base; (iii) establishing of Reference system; (iv) establishing of Pavement Management System (PMS), Bridge management System (BMS) and Road Maintenance Management System (RMMS); (v) define and prepare an annual network roughness and surface distress networks data collection plans; (vi) determining the average vehicle fleet characteristics; (vii) evaluate the current features of the Road Database related to the management and evaluation of recurrent maintenance activities and propose improvements if needed.** All this items also include the training of staff.

The Albanian Roads Authority now invites eligible consulting firms and consortiums of firms ("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 short listing criteria are:

- Previous and similar experience.
- Firms organization and staffing.
- Core business and years in business.

The Consultant firm must be able to demonstrate previous successful experience in similar assignments as follow:

- previous successful experience in the design of one or more road asset management systems in the past 10 years
- Recent Experience (within last 5 years) with GIS and databases, particularly in relation to road asset management systems
- Experience in Europe and Central Asia in the past 10 years would be considered an asset
- Third party certified accreditation to ISO 9001

The consultant firm is expected conduct the services for the duration of 12 months offering a minimum level efforts of 57 months. The services to be provided by the Consultant is to design the detailed specifications for a full – fledged RAMS based on past deployments and existing system(s) and to oversee the procurement, installation, and testing of RAMS to be implemented. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants]* by *World Bank Borrowers* dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub – consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The "association" may take the form of a Joint Venture or a sub consultancy. In case of a Joint Venture (JV), all members of the JV **will be evaluated jointly** for the purpose of short listing and shall be jointly and severally liable for the assignment and shall sign the contract in case of award is made to that JV group. Interested consultants should clearly indicate the structure of their "association" and the duties of the partners and sub consultants in their application.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

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

Further information can be obtained at the ARA in the address below, during office hours 08.00 to 16.00.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the ARA address (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e – mail) **not later than 06 November 2017**.

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