

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

Albania Results – based Road Maintenance and Safety Project (RRMSP)

Loan No. 8489 – AL

Selection of International Individual Technical Assistant

Reference No. CS 18

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 to pay for the services 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 the RRMSP.

The overarching objective of the technical assistance services is to ensure that the RRMSP is completed successfully and on the agreed time schedule, and that the RRMSP project development objectives (PDO's) are successfully achieved. The PDO's are 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. Proactively support the PMT in managing the implementation of 4 civil works contracts and one Monitoring Consulting services contract for maintaining of 1332 km of road network using OPBRM principles and procedures.
2. Providing support to PMT in fulfilling the roles and responsibilities as provided in RRMSP Operational Manual (section on Institutional and Project Management Arrangements).
3. Support the institutionalization of the planned Road Asset Management System (RAMS) through enhancing ARA's capacity to collect and analyze road data and training to ARA staff to use RAMS.
4. Operationalizing road safety in ARA through introducing road safety audits, developing an integrated accident recording system (AIS) and provide training to use AIS.
5. Providing technical and advisory support to ARA in recommending and finalizing the implementation of Road Traffic Monitoring and Control System and associated medium term budget planning.
6. Carrying out project performance monitoring activities including the beneficiary impact assessment and technical reviews.
7. Monitoring the performance of RRMSP PDO results indicators through collecting and analyzing data relating to multi-year maintenance plan, road conditions and traffic fatalities.
8. Monitoring the performance of RRMSP Disbursement-linked indicators (DLI's) through analyzing data in accordance with agreed DLI framework on maintenance outputs and targets.

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 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.
- The fluency of both written and spoken English and ability to communicate ideas freely is essential. The person shall be conversant with necessary computer skills and road works design/execution and monitoring software(s).

The initial term of assignment will be for twelve (12) months, but must not run beyond December 31, 2021. The contract can however be extended subject to the project requirements, availability of fund and provided the performance of the consultant is satisfactory. 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 **21 December 2020** and can obtain any further information from the address given below:

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