

REPUBLIKA E SHQIPËRISË

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ALBANIAN ROAD AUTHORITY PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTANCY SERVICES)

The Project: Construction of "Qukës - Qafë Plloçë" Road Sections of the Tirana - Korça Road Corridor

Sector: Transportation

Mode of Financing: Istisna'a Financing

Financing No: ALB 0036

Contract/Bid No.: ARA/Local Shortlist/Services/2017-18/FA-1

The Republic of Albania (GoA) has received a financing from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), for the construction of "Qukës - Qafë Pllocë Road Sections of Tirana – Korça Road Korridor" project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Consulting Services for the Financial Audit of the Project. The objective of the assignment is to assess the project's financial records/reports, statement of expenditures, special account and funds utilization as per the project financing agreements. The Financial Audit of the project is to be conducted in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISA) as published by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), and IsDB's relevant guidelines.

The Albanian Road Authority/Project Management Unit (the Executing Agency) now invites eligible local certified auditing firms to indicate their interest in providing the required services. Interested consultants must provide specific information, which they demonstrate that they fully qualified to perform the services (organization, key personnel, past experience, a list of past and present assignments of similar nature or any other information showing firm's ability to carry out the assignment satisfactorily, etc).

The Consultant firm must have previous successful experience of carrying out financial audit of two similar projects, during the past 5 (five) years. The firm must be fully independent and must not be related in any way to (i) any of the contractors working on Qukës – Qafë Plloçë Project, consultants or entities etc.

The local Consultants may express interests in the form of association, validated by an intention letter or agreement among members of the association which clearly specifies the type of association, i.e. a joint venture or sub consultancy.

A consultant will be selected from a short list of local consultancy firms through Lease Cost Selection method as set out <u>in the Guidelines for the Use of Consultants under Islamic Development Bank</u> Financing (current edition).

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (09.00 to 16.00 hours from Mondays to Fridays.

Expression of interest, in English, in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Expression of interest for Consulting Services for the Financial Audit of Construction of "Qukës – Qafë Plloçë" Road Sections of Tirana – Korça Corridor", must be delivered to the address indicated below not later than (date 14 days after the publishing of advertisement) at 11.00 hrs Local time

Attention: Director, Project Management Unit (PMU)

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