

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

COUNTRY: CROATIA

NAME OF PROJECT: Modernization and Restructuring of the Road Sector Project

Loan No.: 8749 - HR

Assignment Title: Road Asset Management Services Consultant

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): B2 - 1 - CQS - MARS

Republic of Croatia has signed a loan with the World Bank for financing toward the cost of the "Modernization and Restructuring of the Road Sector Project", and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include implementation of "ROAD ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RAMS) SCOPING CONSULTANCY", as follows:

1. To review existing Road Asset Management Systems (RAMS) and/or elements thereof such as Pavement Management Systems (PMS) or Structure Management Systems (SMS) in use on the State Motorway and State Road networks of the Republic of Croatia, as managed currently by companies HAC, ARZ and HC and/or the County Road Authorities (ŽUC).
2. To identify key requirements for a nationwide RAMS covering as a minimum the existing networks of HAC, ARZ and HC and allowing for expandability to future extensions or modifications of said networks as well as to the ŽUC.
3. To define Terms of Reference (ToR) for one or more (depending on Croatian Government's decisions in the context of the World Bank - funded project) future contracts for development of the nationwide RAMS.

Contract under this ToR will be done for 4 months from the contract signing date. There may be an opportunity for downstream work in terms of supervision of the setting up of the new system, but as indicated above not to actually implement the setup of the system.

NOTE: The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced consulting services is posted on the website of the Client, at: www.mppi.hr.

Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure (as the Client) now invites eligible consulting 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 (criteria related to required qualifications and experience of the firm, but not individual experts' bio data). The shortlisting criteria are:

- Team leader / senior roads or traffic engineer with at least 10 years of overall experience, of which at least half in road management / maintenance / operation;
- Structural engineer with at least 7 years of overall experience, specialized in construction or maintenance or design of road structures;
- Database specialist or GIS with at least 7 years of overall experience;
- As an advantage would be previous particular experience in work with road asset management system;
- Third-party certified accreditation to ISO 9001;

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's "Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011, revised July 2014" ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per paragraph 1.9 (d) of Consultant Guidelines:

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications. The "association" may take the form of a Joint Venture or a subconsultancy. 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. Unclear expression of interests in terms of "in association with" and/or "in affiliation with" and etc. may not be considered for short listing. Keeping one expression of interest per firm as principle, a consultant firm may decide whether it wishes to participate as a sub consultant or as an individual consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. Please note that a firm shall submit only one expression of interests in the same selection process either individually as a consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. No firm can be a sub consultant while submitting an expression of interests individually or as a partner of a joint venture in the same selection process. A firm, if acting in the capacity of sub consultant in any consultant or JV, may participate in more than one consultant, but only in the capacity of a sub consultant.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on the Consultants' Qualifications (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours Monday to Friday, from 09:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by October 6, 2017 (until 1pm).

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