

The Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of Armenia (MTAI)
Road Department Fund (RDF)

Resilient and Inclusive Road Sector Improvement Project:
Northern section of Sisian – Kajaran road project

QUALITY COST BASED SELECTION (QCBS)

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)

Date	09 July, 2025
Contract No. and Title	ADB/RIRSIP/CS-01: Consulting Services for Project Management Consultant for Sisian – Kajaran road Investment Project
Deadline for EOI	25 August, 2025, 18:00 (Yerevan time)

1. The Republic of Armenia (hereafter: the Borrower) has applied for financing from the different international financing institutions (IFIs) to finance the Sisian-Kajaran road project (hereafter: Project) which is part of the part of the North-South Road Corridor Investment Program and intends to apply the unutilized part of the proceeds for selection of the Project Management Consultant (hereafter: PMC). The Project envisages the construction of a new road section with a total length of about 60 km, including 27 bridges with a total length of about 4.7 km and 9 tunnels with a total length of about 12.5 km (the longest is the Bargushat Tunnel with a length of about 8.65 km). The Project will be divided into 3 (three) sections. Financing of each section will be led by a different financier (hereafter: IFIs):

- Northern Section from km 0 to the Bargushat Tunnel North Portal at approx. km 27, section length 27 km (financed by ADB and EIB).
- Bargushat Tunnel Section from km 27 to km 35.8, section length 9 km (expected financing from the French Government).
- Southern Section from Bargushat Tunnel South Portal at approx. km 35.8 to km 60, section length 24 km (financed by EBRD and EIB).

Road Department Fund (hereafter: RDF) (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.

Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, experience in region/country, etc.).

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

The consulting services (“the Services”) include: The main objective of the assignment is to provide high quality professional advice and management & implementation support to the Road Department Fund to effectively implement the Project. In order to achieve this objective, the Project Management Consultant will provide support to RDF to ensure each and every activity of all the components of the Project is completed without cost and time overrun. Compliance to

Loans and Project agreements and its covenants shall be ensured and capacity development and the introduction of modern Project Management practices within RDF shall be promoted. The PMC will be responsible for effectively leading and taking initiative to efficiently manage and implement all components under the Project. PMC will be responsible for advising, assisting and acting on behalf of RDF when so authorized, for the effective management of the different components of the Project. However, it should be noted that the overall decision making and responsibility lies with RDF.

The Estimated duration of the Services is expected to be 72 months.

2. **Procurement Information:**

Selection Method	QCBS
Contract Type	Time based
Type of Proposal	Full Technical Proposal (FTP)
Duration of Assignment	72 months
Tentative commencement date	December 2025
Anticipated completion date	72 months after commencement date
Tentative Short-listing Date	August 2025

The PMC should have extensive and proven experience in project administration, financial management, procurement, design control, and project performance management, construction supervision, quality control, contract management and dispute resolution of similar type and size international contracts. The PMC should also have knowledge and experience in environmental and social safeguard policies of international financing institutions (i.e. EIB, ADB, EBRD, and other international development institutions), environmental and social risk management/impact assessment for large infrastructure projects in line with the national law and IFI's E&S policies and their respective requirements and good international industry practices.

The ToR for the details are attached.

Qualification criteria are:

- General experience - Participation in project management projects (number of similar contracts within the last 10 (ten) years);
- Project Related Experience - Similar experience in providing project management consultant services of road, bridges and tunnels construction/rehabilitation projects (number of similar contracts within the last 10 (ten) years);
- Overall assessment of Consultant's staffing arrangements and capacity (available permanent staff, portfolio of ongoing projects);
- Period of legally registration of a Consultant, including joint venture firms (at least 10 (ten) years on the deadline for submission of the Expression of interest).

3. **Submission of EOI:**

The interested consultants are strongly encouraged to register and apply through ADB's Consultant Management System (CMS) at <http://cms.adb.org>. Online submission is always the main submission method. Offline EOI submission through email or sealed envelope is an option. Using ADB's EOI template (<https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/business-guide/436006/eoi-consulting-firms-20180808.docx>) for EOI submission is required. If both an online version and offline version of the EOI submission is submitted, the online version will prevail. Late submissions would be rejected.

If submitting offline, hard copy EOIs should reach the office of the RDF at the address below not later than closing date and time of EOI submission stated above.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications. When submitting an EOI as a firm or association, the lead firm states its CMS registration number in the EOI. If unregistered, the lead firm first completes at least a simplified registration in CMS, and submit a full registration before contract negotiations, if selected.

The Expressions of Interest (EOI) should contain detailed information about Consultant's Organizational Capability, Experience, Past Performance in conducting programs in developed and developing countries, demonstrated familiarity with the challenges of working in the region (Armenia, Caucasus and/or other CIS countries) and might include references from previous clients.

The closing date for the submission of EOI is: **at or before 18:00 pm (Yerevan time) on 25 August, 2025,**

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