

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

Date: April 05, 2024

COUNTRY: Republic of Armenia

NAME OF PROJECT: Construction of the Kajaran tunnel

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: Technical supervision for Construction of about 7 km Kajaran tunnel and reconstruction of about 4 km approaching roads

The Republic of Armenia (RoA) has applied for financing from the Eurasian Development Bank, acting in its capacity of the Eurasian Fund for Stabilization and Development (EFSD) Resources Manager toward the cost of the Project: “Construction of the Kajaran tunnel”, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services under the contract for **Technical supervision for Construction of about 7 km Kajaran tunnel and reconstruction of about 4 km approaching roads**.

The consulting services (the Services) include the **technical supervision for Construction of about 7 km Kajaran tunnel and reconstruction of about 4 km approaching roads**.

The consulting firm (the Consultant) shall carry out all **technical supervision** activities for **Construction of about 7 km Kajaran tunnel and reconstruction of about 4 km approaching roads** civil works’ contract in compliance with the requirements of international standards. The civil works are executed using FIDIC Conditions of Contract for Construction (Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) Harmonized Edition, 2010, Pink Book). The Consultant will take over all the powers and responsibilities entrusted to “Engineer” within the framework of the contract for civil works. Planned duration of civil works (Defects Notification Period (DNP) excluded): 72 (seventy-two) months, DNP will be 730 (seven hundred thirty) days calculated from the date on which civil works is completed as certified by Taking-over certificate.

The Consultant will:

- Carry out all technical supervision (“Engineer”) activities for civil works for **Construction of about 7 km Kajaran tunnel and reconstruction of about 4 km approaching roads** under the FIDIC Conditions of Contract for Construction, MDB Harmonized Edition, June 2010 (Pink Book), as well as in accordance with Armenian legislation;
- Monitor the performance of the **Construction of about 7 km Kajaran tunnel and reconstruction of about 4 km approaching roads** civil works’ contract, implementation of Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) by Contractor and ensure compliance with all environmental, social, health and safety requirements and the requirements of design solutions;
- Adhere to the scope of the civil works’ contract as defined in the specifications and bills of quantities;
- Perform other related obligations.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the assignment in English language are attached to this Request for Expressions of Interest.

The “**Road Department**” **Fund on behalf of Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of RoA** now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating their compliance to the qualification criteria given below and relevant experience to perform the Services. A Consultant’s expression of interest must contain the following:

- Certificates of incorporation or Registration of a Consultant;
- Company Profile;
- Other documents demonstrating Consultant’s compliance to the qualification criteria and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Qualification criteria are:

- a) General experience - Participation in road, tunnels and bridges construction/rehabilitation projects (only participation in international financial institution funded “road” projects within the last 10 (ten) years will be taken into account);
- b) Project Related Experience - Similar experience in providing Technical Supervision services of tunnels and road construction/rehabilitation works (number of similar contracts within the last 10 (ten) years);
- c) Overall assessment of Consultant’s staffing arrangements and capacity (available permanent staff, portfolio of ongoing projects);
- d) 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).

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but they should clearly indicate in expression of interest - whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost based Selection** method set out in the Procurement Policy for Projects Financed by the EFSD (last update in November 2018) and the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by the EFSD Funds (last update in November 2018) posted on the website of the EFSD¹.

With the winning Consultant will be concluded time-based contract for **Technical supervision for Construction of about 7 km Kajaran tunnel and reconstruction of about 4 km approaching roads.**

All submittals from a Consultant shall be in **English language**.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours *09:00 to 17:00 hours (Yerevan time)*.

¹ https://efsd.org/en/about/documents/policies_and_procedures/

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form **in English** to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by **27 May 2024, 18:00 (Yerevan time)**.

If submitting by e-mail, submission shall be made in Adobe PDF format, the “subject” line should indicate: “Expression of Interest (EOI) for Consulting Services: **Technical supervision for Construction of about 7 km Kajaran tunnel and reconstruction of about 4 km approaching roads**”.

If submitting in person, submission shall be made in closed envelope and the title shall be: “Expression of Interest (EOI) for Consulting Services: **Technical supervision for Construction of about 7 km Kajaran tunnel and reconstruction of about 4 km approaching roads**”.

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