

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

**REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
ROAD REHABILITATION AND SAFETY PROJECT (RRSP)**

WB Loan No. 8255-YF
EIB Loan No. 2012-0367

**PREPARATION OF MAIN DESIGN FOR HEAVY MAINTENANCE (ROAD
REHABILITATION-UPGRADING) OF THE STATE ROAD IB 35, SECTION:
ZAJEČAR 5 – KNJAŽEVAC 1 (TRGOVIŠTE), L=24.222 KM
Contract ID No. RRSP/CS3-IB35ZK/2015-03**

The Republic of Serbia has received financing from the World Bank and European Investment Bank toward the cost of the Road Rehabilitation and Safety Project (the Project) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The objective of the consulting services ("the Services") is preparation of the technical documents in form of main design for heavy maintenance (road rehabilitation-upgrading) of the state road IB, section: Zaječar 5 – Knjaževac 1 (Trgovište) in length of 24.222 km, which would result in: an increase of usability, safety, value and durability of road. The designs will be required to consider the requirements of local community (social aspect) and shall be in full compliance with the requirements of the Resettlement Policy Framework and the Environmental Management Framework, which have been previously developed for the project.

The requirements for the services are fully identified in the Terms of Reference, which will be provided to short-listed firms, but will in general include all services necessary to design and document the rehabilitation requirements of the road section (geometry, pavement, drainage, road safety, road furniture etc.), including but not limited to: verification of the design standards, terrain survey, geotechnical investigations, citizen engagement, and design stage road safety audit. Deliverables under the Services will include, but not be limited to, provision of the design drawings, Bills of Quantity, Technical Specifications, EMP, RAP.

Planned duration of the Services is 6 months.

The Public Enterprise "Roads of Serbia (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. The shortlisting criteria are: company profile, adequacy for the assignment and experience in performance of services of similar nature and under similar conditions (relevant references).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans*

and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011 (“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: Neither consultants (including their personnel and sub-consultants), nor any affiliate that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that firm, shall be hired for any assignment that, by its nature, may be in conflict with another assignment of the consultants.

Therefore, please pay attention to the fact that the assignments resulting from the Services subject to procurement would be in direct conflict of interest with obligations and activities related to the following services:

- Technical control of main designs for heavy road maintenance (road rehabilitation-upgrading) for the sections from the first year of Project implementation;
- Road safety audit of main designs for heavy road maintenance (road rehabilitation-upgrading) for the sections from the first year of Project implementation;
- Supervision of rehabilitation works including environmental and social safeguard monitoring on EBRD sections under RRSP.

Additionally, due to nature and contents of the Project, the subject Services are also in conflict with the following consulting services for which the procurement process has started or will be started in the forthcoming period:

- Technical Assistance to the Project Implementation Team,
- Project Performance Monitoring.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications.

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

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 10:00 to 12:00 (local time).

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Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 14:00 o’clock (local time) on June 02, 2015.

Please indicate on the cover page of the Expression of Interest and on the envelope (in case of submission by mail or in person) the full title of the Services.

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