

**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

**PROJECT PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

**Reference No. RRSP/CS3-PM/2017-06**

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.

Considering that the Project has been designed to utilize the model of results based disbursement with the exception of few consulting services and technical assistance activities, a series of Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) will be used to establish the achievement of the agreed results.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include performance of annual audits and results monitoring and evaluation, which will serve to measure the progress in Project performance against pre-defined annual performance targets.

The DLIs are grouped into three broad categories:

- I) DLI-1: Road Rehabilitation and Safety – targets will be met when predefined number of kilometers under the Project is rehabilitated incorporating safety considerations;
- II) DLI-2: Road Safety Actions – targets go beyond the Project and include road safety inspections and implementation of low-cost safety measures on sections of the state road network that are not part of the project, awareness campaigns and the certification of road safety auditors;
- III) DLI-3: Maintenance Management Reforms – targets will be met when the updated rehabilitation and maintenance design standards are adopted, a strategic plan for PBMC is developed, tender documents prepared and issued, training conducted and contracts signed.

The objective of services is integrated performance audit which will review engineering designs, management of social and environmental issues, procurement, quality assurance, contract management and compliance with agreed conditions, quality of Project supervision, review of traffic safety implementation and achievement of DLIs to trigger disbursement.

The performance audit consultant will report on Project implementation progress, compliance as defined in the Project Operation Manual (POM) and other Project documents, shortfalls in performance, if any, and reasons and actions to correct them.

The performance audit consultant will broadly perform the following activities:

- Verification of eligible expenditures under the Project – this aspect of the work is to determine that the expenditures under the Project are eligible for reimbursement and have been incurred in compliance with the planning, safeguards and procurement arrangements provided for under the Project;
- Verification that roads are rehabilitated in accordance with contract documents – which implies technical audit focusing on the examination of quality of the works, verification if the road works comply with the technical specification and standards described within the bidding and contract documents and properly reflected in the site records;
- Verification that the DLIs have been met – the consultant will be responsible for determining the extent to which the DLIs have been met and to make assessment of the amount of funds to be disbursed from the World Bank/EIB loans.

The performance audit consultant will review a sample of app. 20% of civil works contracts and other activities under the Project. Besides, the random selection of contracts, the review may also include works or contracts believed to have sensitive environmental or social impacts or requiring special oversight as determined by the EIB and World Bank.

More detailed description of the Services will be provided in the Terms of Reference within the Request for Proposals, while more detailed information about the Project may be found on the Client's internet presentation as well as on the sites of the World Bank and European Investment Bank.

Planned duration of the Services is app. 11 months (3 regular monitoring missions during the period December 2017 - November 2019).

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 shortlist will be based on information provided on the firm's profile (organization and capabilities); specific experience of the firm, relevant to the assignment or of similar nature and experience under similar conditions in the last ten years.

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.

Considering the type and nature of the Services, the Services are in conflict with all other consulting services under the Project.

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 QCBS (Quality and Cost Based Selection) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 10:00 to 14:00 (local time).

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Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form in English language to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 14:00 o'clock (local time) on July 31, 2017. 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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