

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)**

Republic of Serbia

The Serbia Railway Sector Modernization Project (SRSM)

Project ID No. P170868

Assignment Title: Individual Consultant (Local full time) – Railway Investment Specialist

Reference No.: SER-SRSM-IC-CS-22-38

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) launched the Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA) to support the Government of Serbia (GoS) in continuation of institutional, physical and operational modernization of the railway sector in an integrated manner through providing financial support to Serbia Railway Sector Modernization Project as part of the Multiphase Programmatic Approach to be implemented in three overlapping phases over the ten-year period.

For the purpose of financing Serbia Railway Sector Modernization Project, Phase 1 of the MPA, IBRD and the Agence Francaise de Développement (AFD), jointly, granted to the Republic of Serbia EUR 102 million loan to support enhancing the efficiency and safety of existing railway assets and improving governance and institutional capacity of the railway sector.

The Railway Investment Specialist of the PIT will be responsible for the following duties:

- Participate in drafting and reviewing the tender documents for design and supervision consultant(s)/works contractor(s);
- Liaise with the PIT, Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU), and Head of the PIU regarding technical inputs needed for the preparation of Bidding Documents, Technical Specifications, Requests for Proposals, and Terms of Reference;
- Active participation and assistance during the tender preparation, processing, evaluation, and selection;
- Review and evaluate contractors'/consultants' technical documentation, and schedule;
- Coordination, commenting, guiding, and overseeing rail engineering design(s) and that designs comply with specific standards, laws, and Client requirements and that they are within defined timeframes and budgets;
- Assistance in the management of the execution of work and/or service contracts ensuring their completion within a defined timeframe, budget, and at the required quality;
- Ensuring compliance of the projects with relevant national, WB and EU regulations/procedures;
- Assessment of potential risks and proposal of relevant mitigation measures;
- Close cooperation with other PIU and PIT staff for support to the implementation of the Project
- Any other task assigned by the Head of the PIU.

The Railway Investment Specialist of the PIT should possess the following knowledge, experience, skills and competencies:

- Advanced degree or minimum 5-year university degree in civil engineering, transport/traffic engineering or advanced degree or minimum 4-year university degree in economics, finance, or similar;
- Minimum 10 years of general professional experience;
- Minimum 5 years of professional experience in the railway sector;

- Experience in transport planning or engineering and undertaking economic feasibility studies for transport investments, urban transport development planning, and/or traffic management/analysis;
- Experience working on IFI or EU projects,
- Experience working with or within the public sector will be an advantage;
- Experience in preparation of tender documentation and other relevant project documentation (e.g. feasibility studies, designs, etc.) will be an advantage;
- Knowledge of local (regional) language will be an advantage;
- Good knowledge of the English language;
- Computer skills,
- Project Management with multiple stakeholders will be an advantage;
- Self-Planning & Organizing, Problem Solving, Communication, Teamwork, Initiative.

The Consultant is expected to provide full time services for the life of the Project, i.e. until December 31, 2026, with a probationary period of six (6) months. If contracted, the Consultant will have to declare that he/she will not have other full or part-time assignment during his/her engagement under this contract.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced consulting services is posted on the website of the Ministry of Construction, Transportation and Infrastructure (MCTI) <https://www.mgsi.gov.rs/cir/dokumenti/serbia-railway-sector-modernization-project-srsm-piu-and-pit-staff-individual-consultants>

The CFU of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above services. Interested consultants must provide Cover Letter and CV representing description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills (scanned diplomas to be sent with CV).

The evaluation criteria for each assignment:

- Specific Experience relevant to the Assignment (60 Points)
- Qualifications and Competence relevant to the Assignment (40 Points)

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.16 and 3.17 of the **World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers – Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, World, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services**, July 2016, revised November 2017, August 2018 and November 2020 ("the Regulations") setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants* as set out in the Regulations.

Interested consultants may obtain further information from the CFU at the address below from 09:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of interest **in English language** must be delivered to the e-mail address below by **November 18, 2022, 12:00 Noon**, local time.

When submitting Expressions of interest please indicate assignment and reference number for which you are applying.

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