

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

**Republic of Serbia**

**The Serbia Railway Sector Modernization Project (SRSM)**

**Project ID No. P170868**

**Assignment Title:**

**Preparation of technical documentation and Site Supervision for reconstruction of railway lines in tunnels Dedinje, Vezni, Stadion and Vračar and section Pančevački most - Pančevo Glavna**

**Reference No. SER-SRSM-QCBS-CS-21-27**

For the purpose of financing Serbia Railway Sector Modernization Project, Phase 1 of the Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA), the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (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. Republic of Serbia intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for consulting services to be procured under this project.

**Scope of Work**

The Consultant shall carry out the specific tasks and activities as listed below and develop a well-functioning co-operation mechanism with MoCTI, the PIU and IZS/PIT on the basis of the following principles:

- a) Consultation and consent - the responsibilities for the general implementation of the Project are delegated to the PIU. MoCTI is the Client for this Contract. The PIU/MoCTI and the IZS through its nominated Project Implementation team (PIT) shall be involved in the decision-making processes regarding the Contract implementation and shall be kept informed in all stages related to contract(s) monitoring and implementation. IZS is the final beneficiary of the contract and they should be satisfied with all results and outputs. The cooperation with the final beneficiary will be sustained and managed by the PIU;
- b) The involvement of the IZS's PIT in the head office on the day-to-day activities together with the Consultant's staff is crucial;
- c) Efficiency - the cooperation with the IZS's PIT and PIU/MoCTI shall be designed to avoid any delay or discontinuity in the decision-making process or any dilution of the Consultant's responsibility.

The Consultant is required to prepare professional inputs, advice and support during execution of his tasks.

The Consultant is expected to perform the following activities within its contract, which are grouped into two phases: (i) Design Phase; and (ii) Works supervision.

- **Phase 1 – Design Phase (Lump-sum portion of the contract)** that includes activities relevant to the development of Preliminary Designs and Environmental Impact Assessment Studies, and,
- **Phase 2 - Supervision and Works Contract administration (Time-based portion of the Contract)** that includes full supervisory services during construction of works.

**Contract duration for both Components: 34 months starting from the commencement date.**

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced consulting services is posted on the website of the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure (MoCTI)

<https://mgsi.gov.rs/lat/dokumenti/serbia-railway-sector-modernization-project-srsm-design-preparation>

The Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible 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 Consultant firm will be selected in accordance with QCBS (Quality and Cost Based Selection) method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016, revised November 2017, August 2018 and November 2020).

The assignment will require a qualified consulting company that can demonstrate extensive experience in technical assistance service for the contract. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture (JV) 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. Furthermore, Expressions of interest of JVs will be evaluated based on the composition of JV submitted, whereas the experience of other firms not included in the JV will not be considered in the evaluation. The experience of any proposed sub-consultancy shall not be included in the evaluation.

As a precondition for being considered for shortlisting, a firm or joint venture submitting the EoI must be a legal entity and must possess a valid company licences issued by RoS, in accordance with the Serbian law (Law on Planning and Construction - Article 126), namely:

- for "designing (P)": P141G2, P141S1, P141E1, and
- for works supervision, company (" large license") licenses for "designing (P)" and/or "execution (I)": P141G2 or I141G2, P141E1 or I141E1, I141E3.

*As a proof, a firm shall submit the Decision on fulfilment of conditions for stated licences, issued by Ministry in charge.*

The consulting firms/JV that will submit EoI shall possess the following experience and qualifications:

i) Experience in railway infrastructure designs:

- Minimum two (2) successfully completed railway infrastructure design contracts for Construction/Reconstruction/Modernisation, for public railway infrastructure in the last seven (7) years.

*Reference design contracts must be of a similar nature as the scope of this tender, covering designs for railway line and including all of the following components: sub-structure and superstructure, OCL (Overhead Contact Line) electrification, telecommunications and electronic signalling.*

The acceptable levels of designs are Preliminary and Design for building permit, while concept / general / preliminary solutions (or equivalent) design references shall not be considered as relevant experience.

ii) Experience in railway infrastructure works supervision:

- Minimum one (1) project successfully completed in regard to performing supervision services of works on modernization, construction/reconstruction of railway infrastructure, which was realized according to the FIDIC model contract in minimum value of 2 million euros in the last seven (7) years.

*Reference supervision contracts must be of a similar nature as the scope of this tender, covering supervision of minimum of the following components: sub-structure and superstructure, OCL (Overhead Contact Line) electrification, telecommunications and electronic signalling.*

iii) Availability of qualified experts within the company/joint venture

*As proof of availability of qualified experts within their firm/JV listed in 6.1. Term of references, the bidder shall prepare an organization chart and a list of experts conforming to requested conditions within the company who are relevant to the assignment.*

Experts' CV are not required and will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

As proof of experience, the bidder shall prepare reference forms, naming **ten (10) references maximum** for each stated requirement, clearly stating the following:

- Reference #
- Start date and completion date (mm/yy)
- Brief description of design (10 sentence each maximum)
- Country of assignment with client name and address, and client reference contact
- Contract value
- Role on project

Submitted expressions of interest should be no larger than 30 pages of text including reference forms.

**Shortlisting of firms will be based on the following of points:**

- i. Experience in railway infrastructure designs 40 points
- ii. Experience in railway infrastructure works supervision 40 points
- iii. Availability of qualified experts within the company 20 points

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers – Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, 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.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of interest in English language must be delivered in a written form to the email below, by **January 25, 2023, 12:00 hours, noon, local time.**

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