

DEADLINE EXTENSION

from February 2, 2022, to February 9, 2022

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 (part time) – Railway ITC Specialist

Reference No. SER-SRSM-IC-CS-21-06

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 and the 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 Railway ITC Specialist of the PIU will be responsible for the following duties:

- Prepare and participate in preparation of the Terms of References and Bidding Documents as well as in assisting the evaluation committee on the evaluation of expressions of interest and proposals related to the above listed 3 subcomponents;
- Reviewing and evaluating contractors'/consultants' technical documentation, and schedule for the above mentioned 3 components;
- Assistance to the Client in management of execution of work and/or service contracts ensuring their completion within defined timeframe, budget and at the required quality for the above mentioned 3 components;
- Coordinate projects with and ensuring their compliance with activities of government regulatory or other government agencies;
- Monitor and coordinate the work of consultants and contractors throughout projects execution to ensure proper execution of the technical activities in term of technical solution implementation, design costs, document submission schedule and quality;
- Monitor and ensuring application of required standards, procedures and criteria during design and execution phase;
- Implementation of Project activities related to ICT application for IRS through introduction/implementation of new technologies, system design development and maintenance;
- Assistance for ICT infrastructure budgeting, procurement and asset control within the project scope;
- Analysis of the requirement and elaboration of internal policies and procedures on the use of ICT for IRS including ERTMS (as needed);
- Assistance to IZS, SV and SC in development and update of the ICT Infrastructure annual plan and road map for IRS including ERTMS;
- Providing advice and expertise on ICT for IRS including ERTMS operational, tactical and strategic planning and co-ordination;

- Responsible for shaping technical requirements & follow up of IRS including ERTMS projects;
- Assisting the Head of the PIU in preparing the PIU Reports to the MCTI and World Bank Cost, Time, Resources, and Scope;
- Facilitation of knowledge building and knowledge sharing;
- Ensuring compliance of the projects with relevant national, WB and EU regulations/procedures;
- Liaising with the PIU staff, PITs, Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) and Head of the PIU regarding technical inputs needed for preparation of Bidding Documents, Technical Specifications, Requests for Proposals, Terms of Reference, Monitoring Reports etc., and
- Any other task assigned by the Head of the PIU.

It is expected that the period over which the consultant shall provide the Services will be 60 months, respectively by the end of the project dated December 30, 2026. The assignment is part-time and it is estimated that total input of the Consultant will be 600 days over the Contract period. The Consultant should be available to commence no later than one month after the contract signature.

In order to be selected, the Consultant must possess, at the minimum, the following qualifications:

- Educational qualifications: At least a 5- year University Degree in electrical engineering, transport engineering, IT or similar;
- Area of professional expertise: Information and Communications Technology applied to the railways sector;
- Minimum 10 years of relevant professional expertise;
- At least 2 successfully implemented railways IT projects in the past 7 years, in the field of railways telecommunications, control-command, SCADA, or similar;
- Ability to understand the interfaces between the different railways IT systems;
- Experience in preparation of tender documentation and other relevant project documentation (e.g. ToRs, technical and functional specifications, etc.) will be an advantage;
- Previous experience ERTMS projects will be advantage;
- Experience working with the public sector will be an advantage;
- Excellent knowledge of English language;
- Computer skills: Word, Excel, scheduling tools (e.g.: MS Project or similar);
- Project Management with multiple stakeholders;
- Self-Planning & Organizing, Problem Solving, Communication, Teamwork, Initiative.

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) www.mgsi.gov.rs/en/dokuments/serbia-railway-sector-modernization-srsm-project-piu.

The Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the 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 the assignment:

- Qualifications and Competence relevant to the Assignment (40 Points)
- Specific Experience relevant to the Assignment (60 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 **February 9, 2022, 12:00 hours, noon, local time.**

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

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