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# Request for Expressions of Interest

# Consulting Services – Firms Selection

**Implementing Agency: Ministry of Transport and Communications**

**Country: Republic of North Macedonia**

**Project: Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation Project - P162043**

**Loan No.: 8029-MK**

**Assignment Title: Design Audit of project documentation and designs for reconstruction and/or upgrade of the facilities and infrastructure at the Border Crossing Points (BCPs) Deve Bair and Kjafasan**

**Reference No.: WBTTFP-8929-MK-CS-CQS-REoI-121-1A**

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Republic of North Macedonia has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development – World Bank in the form of a loan towards the costs of the Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

General objective of this assignment is providing Consulting services for “Design Audit of urban planning documentation and designs for reconstruction and/or upgrade of the facilities and infrastructure at the Border Crossing Points (BCPs) Deve Bair and Kjafasan”.

The preparation of urban planning documentation and designs for both BCPs is ongoing and will be realized thru separate Contract for Consulting services.

The Design Audit of subject urban planning documentation and designs will be performed under this assignment.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include following specific objectives of the assignment divided into two (2) Tasks:

• The objectives of the Task 1 are:

- Sub - Task 1.1

Design Audit of Urban Planning Documentation (UPD), for reconstruction/rehabilitation/upgrade of the border crossing facilities and infrastructure at the BCP Deve Bair.

- Sub - Task 1.2

Design Audit of Detailed Designs (DD) with Technical Specifications (TS) and Bill of Quantities (B&Q), for civil works for reconstruction/rehabilitation/upgrade of the border crossing facilities and infrastructure at the BCP Deve Bair.

Under Task 1 the following is required: Preparation of Design Audit for Urban Planning Documentation as well as Projects Designs related to the improvement of the (BCP) Deve Bair, which are foreseen for the following activities: a) Improvements of the administrative building b) Extension of the border passage at the entrance in North Macedonia with the construction of a one-way carriageway that would be used exclusively for cargo vehicles; c) Improvements of the access road to the customs terminal of the entry of North Macedonia in order to be able to use it in winter; d) Improvements of the asphalt surfaces on the border line and of the border area; e) Installation of weigh bridge for trucks; f) Improvement of signage and pavement markings upstream and downstream.

• The objectives of the Task 2 are:

- Sub - Task 2.1

Design Audit (Review) of Urban Planning Documentation (UPD), for reconstruction/rehabilitation/upgrade of the border crossing facilities and infrastructure at the BCP Kjafasan.

- Sub - Task 2.2

Design Audit (Review) of Detailed Designs (DD), Technical Specifications (TS) and Bill of Quantities (B&Q), for civil works for reconstruction/rehabilitation/upgrade of the border crossing facilities and infrastructure at the BCP Kjafasan.

Under Task 2 the following is required: Preparation of Design Audit for Urban Planning Documentation as well as Projects Designs related to the improvement of the (BCP) Kjafasan, which are foreseen for the following activities: a) Installation of weigh bridge in other lanes; b) Installation of booths for Customs to streamline processes; c) Alignment of legal framework to mutually recognize certificates; d) Installation of an expanded truck parking facility (herringbone configuration) with at least another 20 spaces to improve traffic circulation; e) Change of truck flow by moving all import and export trucks to an inland clearance depot (ICD); f) Installation of an extra weight scale for the BCP.

The intended commencement of the Services is June 2022 and the period of implementation shall be 110 days.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following websites: <https://www.e-nabavki.gov.mk> and <http://mtc.gov.mk/javniOglasi>.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants (a firm or a group of firms) should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Proven general experience for assignments on providing Consultancy - Design Audit within the past 10 (ten) years

2. Proven specific experience in at least three (3) similar\* project references successfully completed within the last 10 (ten) years

3. Experience in Design Audit of urban planning documentation for road infrastructure projects

The credibility of mentioned **general** experience shall be presented in a list of project references for provided Consultancy – Design Audit within the past 10 (ten) years and accompanied by certificates of orderly fulfillment of the contracts verified by other party from such contracts.

The credibility of mentioned **specific** experience shall be presented in a list of at least three (3) similar nature and scope project references successfully completed within last ten (10) years with description of services provided (including information on contract value, contracting entity/client, project location/country, duration, assignment budget, percentage carried out by consultant in case of association of firms or subcontracting and main activities) and accompanied by certificates of orderly fulfilment of the contracts verified by other party from such contracts.

The credibility of mentioned experience in Design Audit of urban planning documentation for road infrastructure projects shall be presented in a list of project references accompanied by certificates of orderly fulfillment of the contracts verified by other party from such contracts.

\* Similar project references include Design Audit for construction and/or reconstruction and/or upgrade and/or rehabilitation of border crossing facilities and infrastructure, or any other administrative and/or office building with correlated infrastructure with size and scope at least equal to the assignment.

The Consultant Company or Joint Venture should possess the following:

- License for preparing Design Audit of Design documentation for 1st category (License A) issued according to the national legislation of the Republic of North Macedonia. In case of JV, at least the Lead Partner must possess subject License A. Foreign Consultant companies can get more information about confirmation of their Licenses on the following link: http://mtc.gov.mk/.

- License for preparing Design Audit for Urban Planning Documentation (License 0) issued according to the national legislation of the Republic of North Macedonia. In case of JV, at least one of the Partners must possess subject License A. Foreign Consultant companies can get more information about confirmation of their Licenses on the following link: http://mtc.gov.mk/.

- The Consultants team must comprise experts that have appropriate experience and authorization issued according to the national legislation of the Republic of North Macedonia. Foreign experts can get more information about confirmation of their Authorizations on the following link: <http://komoraoai.mk/en/application-foreign-individuals.html>.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at this stage.

The selected procurement method of the service will be Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) - Open International procedure, in accordance with the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” dated July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 (“Procurement Regulations”).

Following the procurement procedure for CQS method, the Client will publish a Request for Expression of Interest (REoI). From the Consultant firms that will submit an Expression of Interest (EoI), the Client will select the firm with the best qualifications and relevant experience as a first ranked firm and will invite the firm to submit its combined technical and financial Proposal as a subject for contract negotiations. Qualifications of the Key staff (CVs including their qualifications) are not part of the selection process, but will be subject of contract negotiations with the first ranked firm. At that stage, the first ranked firm/JV should make sure the proposed key staff fulfils the qualification requirements set forth in the TOR for respective key staff positions. The CVs of the Key staff will be submitted only by the first ranked firm/JV during contract negotiations.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” dated July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 (“Procurement Regulations”), as amended, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

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 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. In case of sub-consultancy, the sub-consultant firm (s) will not be evaluated.

The eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) can obtain further information from the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the Ministry of Transport and Communication, Attn: Ms. Vlasta Ruzinovska and/or Mr. Slavko Micevski, e-mail: [vlasta.ruzinovska.piu@mtc.gov.mk](mailto:vlasta.ruzinovska.piu@mtc.gov.mk); [slavko.micevski.piu@mtc.gov.mk](mailto:slavko.micevski.piu@mtc.gov.mk); during office hours from 09:30 to 15:30. **Due to COVID-19 VIRUS emergency, the procedure for expressing interest in providing the Services is strictly electronically as stated below.**

The Terms of References in English language may be obtained by interested eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) from the website of the national electronic system for procurement: “ЕСЈН-Заеми/Донации/Грантови-Огласи од меѓународни институции” ([**https://www.e-nabavki.gov.mk**](https://webmail.t.mk/cp/ps/Mail/ExternalURLProxy?d=t.mk&u=tejumi&url=https://www.e-nabavki.gov.mk&urlHash=-1.1261282751824486E-304#_blank)) and from the website of the Ministry of Transport and Communications: [**http://mtc.gov.mk/javniOglasi**](http://mtc.gov.mk/javniOglasi);

The eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) must submit their Expression of Interest **only by e-mail** to the all below listed e-mail addresses (as readable PDF file in English language), **on or before 06 April, 2021, 15:30 p.m.** Receipt of each Expression of Interest will be immediately confirmed.

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