

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES)**

**INDIA
HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ROADS TRANSFORMATION
PROJECT(HPSRTP)**

Preparation Advance No. P4900-IN

Assignment Title: Selection of “Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Consultant” (ESIA) for conducting an Environmental and Social Assessment of 2000km core network and preparation of Environmental and Social impacts mitigation/management instruments to support HPRIDC in HPSRTP {2000 km (650 km up-gradation+1350 km maintenance)}.

Reference No.:- (as per Procurement Plan): P.P No.- 8 of 2017

The Government of Himachal Pradesh has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project (HPSRTP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include:-

- a) Conduct detail Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for selection of 650km of up-gradation with the priority of 128 km and 1350km of maintenance roads in accordance with Bank’s new ESF. While conducting ESIA, the Consultant will coordinate with DPR Consultant to ensure integration of ESA findings in engineering feasibility studies. In addition the Consultant will prepare as necessary any Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), Tribal (Indigenous) Peoples Policy Framework (TPPF), Indigenous People Development Plan (IPDP), Labor Management Procedure and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) etc as appropriate for the activities corresponding to tranche 1 of this multiphase programmatic engagement as indicated in Table 1 (of indicative ToR).
- b) Conduct, as the first step, for the entire 2000 km a comprehensive Environmental and Social Screening.
- c) Support the client in complying with requirements such as preparation of application and supplementary reports (survey and preparation) required as per local regulatory requirements for obtaining project’s clearances like forest /environmental/wildlife clearances, if applicable, and presentation before expert panel committees of MoEF & CC, Govt. of India.
- d) Develop a coordination mechanism to ensure timely sharing/exchange of information and documents with Feasibility and DPR Consultant. The Consultant shall ensure DPR Consultant integrate recommendations on environmental and social mitigation measures in design, working drawings, developing specifications, estimates of quantity and ESMP budget; and linking quantity and management measures in bid document.

- e) Support the client in developing Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) for entire project cycle and its disclosure before project appraisal. The Consultant shall conduct consultations with identified stakeholders and project-affected parties/community from early project planning and design stages of the assignment.
- f) Support the client in helping HPRIDC develop by Project Appraisal an 'Environment and Social Commitment Plan' (ESCP) for agreement with the World Bank. The ESCP will provide according to a specific timeframe (a) a list of management plans, based on ESA/ESIA findings that borrower will develop and implement, (b) the appropriate plans and actions required for the project to meet ESSs requirements, (c) adaptive management process for changes in project scope and unforeseen circumstances, and (d) include targets and performance indicators for borrower's monitoring.
- g) Conduct capacity building training on Bank's new Environmental and Social Framework (ESF), Environmental and Social Management Plan, and aspects like slope stabilization and erosion control; efficient use of raw materials i.e. use of local materials, recycled aggregates; climate resilient measures; water conservation and management, GHG reduction, emergency preparedness etc. which are integral part of Bank's ESF policy.

The objective of the assignment is also to ensure that these processes and outputs are in line with all applicable World Bank safeguard policies.

The indicative Terms of Reference (ToR) subject to modification & finalization before issuing of Request for Proposal (RFP), for the assignment are available at the following websites / URL:- (1) <http://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/> (2) <http://hppwd.gov.in/> (3) <http://tenders.gov.in/>.

The Himachal Pradesh Road and Other Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (HPRIDC) 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 short listing criteria are given in the Expression of Interest (EoI). The EoI includes the following documents:-

- (i) Section I- Instructions for submission of Expression of Interest and Guidelines for preparation of EoI.
- (ii) Section-II Eligibility and short listing Criteria including Annexure-I to V.

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" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), 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.

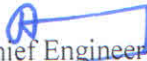
A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

The detailed "Request for Expression of Interest" can be downloaded from any of the following websites/ URL:- (1) <http://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/> (2) <http://hppwd.gov.in/> (3) <http://tenders.gov.in/> .

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours *i.e.* 1000 to 1700 hours Indian Standard Time (IST) on working day.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by post) by April 02, 2019 at 1500 hours (IST).

Dated:- March 02, 2019.


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