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elements such as the engine, automatic braking system, airbags, automatic parking system and the infotainment system.

The main manufacturers are located in Asia, such as TSMC in Taiwan and Samsung and SK Hynix in South Korea, although there are still some factories in the United States and Europe.

The surge in demand for electronic devices during the pandemic is the main cause of today's shortage of chips.

A fire in a Japanese factory didn't help and now a drought in Taiwan may force a reduction in output.

Automakers say they are managing the situation on a day by day basis and are trying to avoid shutting down production lines completely.

Due to the chip shortage, "GM is building some vehicles without certain modules when necessary," the US carmaker said in a statement.

"They will be completed as soon as more semiconductors become available," it added.

Stellantis was able to resume production of the new Peugeot 308 at half the normal pace after a three-week halt. It went back to a dashboard console that uses an analogue speedometer.

Most automakers say they hope to make up lost production during the second half of the year.



Government of Nepal Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport Department of Roads Development Cooperation Implementation Division Strategic Road Connectivity and Trade Improvement Project Jwagal, Lalitpur

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)

Notice No.: SRCTIP/9/077-78

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The ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport, Department of Roads (DoR), Strategic Road Connectivity and Trade Improvement Project, Jwagal, Lalitpur invites eligible individual Consultants for the posts mentioned below to indicate their interest in providing the Services indicating the contract number.

S.N.	Contract Identification No.	Post	Duration of Total Service
1	SRCTIP-DOR-CS-IND-13	Financial Management Consultant (FMC)	252 days input over 3 years period
2	SRCTIP-DOR-CS-IND-15	Social Development Advisor (SDA)	360 days input over 2 years period
3	SRCTIP-DOR-CS-IND-16	Environmental Advisor (EA)	360 days input over 2 years period

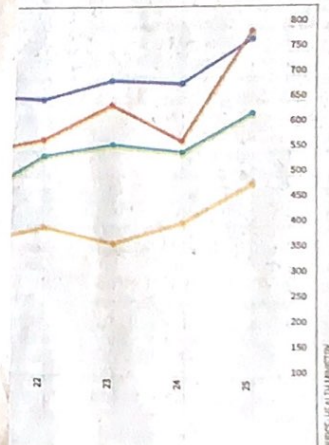
Interested Consultant may obtain Terms of Reference (TOR) for the mentioned assignment title and further detail relevant information from <https://dor.gov.np/home/notices>.

Expression of Interest must be delivered in written form to the address below (in Person or by email) by 16th May 2021 office hours.

Project Director

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cases and 28 deaths.



Infections among children and senior

Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital, told the Post.

Moreover, there is another reason for worry during the current second wave as younger people too are requiring hospitalization.



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Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport
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Jwagal, Lalitpur
Procurement of Individual Specialist

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

Date of first publication: **April 26, 2021**

Country: Nepal

NAME OF PROJECT: Strategic Road Connectivity and Trade Improvement Project

Credit No.: 6673-NP

Assignment Title: Individual Consultants- Financial Management Consultant (FMC), Social Development Advisor & Environment Advisor

Reference No. SRCTIP-DOR-CS-IND-13 , SRCTIP-DOR-CS-IND-15 & SRCTIP-DOR-CS-IND-16

The Government of Nepal has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of **Strategic Road Connectivity and Trade Improvement Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The consulting services (“the Services”) includes **hiring 3 (Three) Individual Consultants as indicated in the table below in order to implement the project efficiently.**

Anticipated date for commencement of the services is **June 2021** and the tentative duration of the assignment of each individual consultants are depicted in the same table.

The Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport, Department of Roads (DoR), now invites eligible individual Consultants for the posts mentioned below to indicate their interest in providing the Services indicating the contract number. Interested Individual Consultants should provide latest Curriculum Vitae (CV) and any other information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The consulting firms can also propose individual consultants. While evaluation, only the experience and qualifications of the individual shall be considered and the experience of the firm will not be taken into consideration.

The details of contract and duration for each specialist position are indicated below:

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1	SRCTIP-DOR-CS-IND-13	Financial Management Consultant (FMC)	252 days input over 3 years period
2	SRCTIP-DOR-CS-IND-15	Social Development Advisor (SDA) for Planning and Implementation of Social Safeguard	360 days input over 2 years period



S.N.	Contract no.	Post	Duration of Total service
		Activities as Capacity Enhancement of GESU, DoR	
3	SRCTIP-DOR-CS-IND-16	Environmental Advisor (EA) for Planning and Implementation of Environmental Safeguard Activities as Capacity Enhancement of GESU, DoR	360 days input over 2 years period

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection Methods for Individual Consultant set out in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers", July 2016, Revised August 2018.

Interested Consultant may obtain Terms of Reference (ToR) for the mentioned assignment title and relevant information from <https://dor.gov.np/home/notices>.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours.

Expression of interest must be delivered in written form to the address below (in Person or by email) by **16 May 2021 office hours**.

Attention: Project Director
Strategic Road Connectivity and Trade Improvement Project,
Jwagal, Lalitpur, Nepal
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Website: <http://www.dor.gov.np>



Terms of Reference

for

Individual Financial Management Consultant (FMC)

Contract Identification No. SRCTIP-DOR-CS-IND-13

1. Background:

Government of Nepal (GoN) has received financing from the International Development Association ("World Bank") toward the cost of Strategic Road Connectivity and Trade Improvement Project (SRCTIP). The Department of Roads (DoR), Development Cooperation Implementation Division under the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport (MOPIT) is the implementing agency for the Component 2 & 3 of this project, and responsible for implementation, management, supervision and coordination. A Project Coordination Unit (PCU) has been established under the Development Cooperation Implementation Division (DCID) of DoR for carrying out activities related to the project which is responsible for coordination and implementation of the respective project activities. The PCU comprises of a Project Director (PD), Project Coordinators, Project Engineers (PE), Chief Financial Officer. There are other technical and managerial support staffs/consultants working within the PCU. In spite of PCU, for the smooth implementation of the Project, there will be separate project site offices with required technical, managerial and financial staffs. Department of Roads, Development Cooperation Implementation Division now intends to strengthen its project implementation capacity in financial management sector through the assistance of Financial Management Consultant.

The Project Development Objective (PDO) of SRCTIP is to improve the efficiency and safety of select transport infrastructure, improve the efficiency of cross-border trade, and strengthen capacity for strategic road network management in Nepal. SRCTIP will comprise the following five components:

Component 1: Trade Facilitation (Estimated Cost US\$42 million; IDA financing of US\$ 29.4 million)



Component 2: Regional Road Connectivity (Estimated Cost US\$659 million; IDA financing of US\$350.1 million).

Component 3: Institutional Strengthening (Estimated Cost US\$100.1 million; IDA financing of US\$70.1 million).

In this regard, DCID intends to hire a Financial Management Consultant to assist PCU in financial management related activities as provisioned in the Financing Agreement for the SRCTIP project. The PCU shall ensure interim un-audited financial reports for the activities audited Financial Statements acceptable to the Bank. So, the Financial Management Consultant (FMC) will assist all the financial management activities accomplished by the PCU in a timely manner. The FMC works in close coordination with the PCU, Implementation units within the Project, especially with Chief Financial Officer of the Project within the PCU and the World Bank.

2. Objective

The purpose of this consulting service is to assist Project Coordination Unit (PCU) in financial management aspects of the SRCTIP. Additionally, the input from the consultant would ensure adoption of proper financial management system in the project.

3. Duties and Responsibilities:

The Financial Management Consultant (FMC) shall coordinate and manage the financial management functions for SRCTIP, PCU. S/he will assist the PCU on all the project related financial management matters. S/he will help in producing interim un-audited and audited financial reports for the activities and furnished to the World Bank in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank and the PCU and all the reports relating to financial matters as required by the World Bank and Government of Nepal. S/he will transfer the knowledge to the PCU.

Specific responsibilities of the FMC include but not limited to the followings:

- Assist PCU to prepare annual program and budget and consolidate the annual program of SRCTIP;



- Provide necessary arrangement of annual budget appropriation and its release to cost centers;
- Timely and reliably collection of financial reports and other necessary financial information from project offices;
- Prepare and maintain up to date Project Accounts including all kinds of accounting ledgers and financial reports as per the need of the WB and GoN;
- Provide periodic reports on programs and activities to the Project Director;
- Support in designing the Financial Management Information System at PCU and train the PCU and project staffs ;
- Prepare disbursement requests for pre-finance from Ministry of Finance;
- Prepare periodic Statement of Expenditure and support Project Director for submission of withdrawal applications, expenditure claims, reimbursement requests to WB;
- Coordinate for internal and final audit of the project accounts to complete in a timely manner,
- Ensure all the financial information and reports including the Audit Report are submitted timely manner to the World Bank,
- Maintain a sound record of audit arrears and assist in clearing the audit arrears by preparing updating the Audit Arrears Resolving Action Plan (AARAP);
- Advise Project Director on eligible expenditure;
- Provide training and support to staff on preparing the reports relating to the financial matters as required by the WB and GoN and transfer the knowledge to the finance section of the Department of Roads for the support of Institutional capacity development;
- Assist in developing and revising the relevant documents relating to the project financial matters;
- Support PCU and WB team in review missions by providing necessary information and documents,
- Support the project offices in financial management matters,



- Provide additional support as required and requested by the Project Director in any financial matters related to SRCTIP.
- Provide capacity development training to the PCU staffs in financial reports related to Donor Agency funding, understanding of Audit Report (National and International Firms) and Taxation system applicable for International and National Consultants (Firms and Individuals) and Contractors

4. Duty Station and Working Arrangements:

The Finance Management Consultant (FMC) will work in the PCU, SRCTIP. S/he will report and work under the supervision of the Project Director. S/he will receive technical guidance and advice from Chief Financial Officer of the PCU. The Consultant will be stationed in the PCU established within DCID, DoR in Kathmandu/Lalitpur. PCU will provide office space and other facilities for performing the services as mentioned in the duties and responsibilities.

5. Required Qualification and Experience:

The Consultant for the post of FMC should have following necessary expertise and education

Area	Qualifications and Experience of the Consultant
Education	<p>Minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Master's Degree in Business Management/Finance/Accounts/Public Administration or relevant field, ▪ Training in Financial Management aspects
Experience	<p>A. General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum: 10 years <p>B. Specific:</p> <p>i. Public Financial Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum: 5 years of demonstrated work experience in the field



	<p>of public financial management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preferable: 10 years of demonstrated work experience in the field of public financial management <p>ii. Project Financial Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum: 2 years of experience in the project financial management in Multilateral Development Bank funded project, ▪ Preferable: 5 years of experience in the project financial management in Multilateral Development Partners funded project <p>C. Other Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Demonstrated capabilities in report writing ▪ The ability to work simultaneously on a variety of issues and tasks, while independently adjusting priorities to achieve agreed objectives and deadlines is essential. ▪ A demonstrated ability to simplify technical and complicated material in a creative manner is necessary. ▪ Strong interpersonal skills and an ability to work effectively with internal/external partners are essential.
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Capable in reading, writing and speaking English and Nepali Language

6. Remuneration and Payment

The remuneration to the individual Financial Management Consultant shall be on monthly basis, as a time based contract. Reimbursable expenses are paid as per contract in fixed lump sum rate basis.

7. DURATION OF CONSULTANT'S SERVICE

Consultant shall commence the work from the date of signing of agreement and continue for 3 years in an annual renewal basis upon satisfactory performance of the consultant, business need



and availability of budget. The input of the Consultant will be limited to 7 days per month in intermittent basis and as agreed with the Client.

8. WORKING DAYS

The working days and office holidays will be as per Government rules and practice. The Consultant should submit the monthly work plan at the start of each month.

9. TAX

The Consultant shall be fully responsible for all taxes applicable as per the prevailing tax laws of the Government of Nepal. The Consultant must be registered in VAT before signing the contract agreement. The consultant will be responsible for the costs of the premium of any insurance plan including accidental insurance he/she takes up.

10. LOGISTIC AND OTHER ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE CLIENT

The following shall be provided to the Consultant by DOR:

- Related reports available in DoR
- Access to other necessary documents and data available in DOR required for the performance of the consultant's services.
- Office space with furniture
- Email and internet access
- Required office stationery

The Consultant will be provided an office space in premises of the Development Cooperation Implementation Division. Transportation shall have to be arranged by consultant himself/herself for within Kathmandu valley however Transport expenditures incurred during visiting to Project Offices at sites outside of Kathmandu valley shall be reimbursed as per actual bill, if any.



11. CONSULTANT'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Consultants shall not, during the term of this Contract and after its expiration, disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the Services, this Contract or the Client's business or operations without the prior written consent of the Client. The Consultant shall keep full records relating to all aspects of the work covered by his service contract. All original drawings, work sheets, field notes, computer programs, reports and other documents relating to the study shall become the property of the Government.

In addition to the above, the Consultant shall submit the reports not limited to the following during the course of services:

- Monthly progress report on overall Financial Management activities under World Bank funded projects under DCID
- Completion Report at the end of Service period

12. AGREEMENT

The Consultant shall be required to enter into an agreement with Development Cooperation Implementation Division on time-based Contract as per the Provision of Procurement Regulation for IPF Borrowers, July 2016, Revised August 2018. An agreement shall be signed by both parties before the commencement of the work.