

Government of Nepal
Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport
Department of Roads
Foreign Cooperation Branch
Road Sector Development Project (RSDP)

Consulting Services for Feasibility Study / Detailed Design of Kakarbhitta – Pathalaya Section of East – West Highway, Preparation of Preliminary Project Report of Bridges and Construction Supervision

Contract Identification Number: RSDP/Cons/Road/04

International Competitive Bidding

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

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Name of project: **Road Sector Development Project, Extended Phase**

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Assignment Title: Consulting Services for Feasibility Study / Detailed Design of Kakarbhitta – Pathalaya Section of East – West Highway, Preparation of Preliminary Project Report of Bridges and Construction Supervision

Reference No. (As in Procurement Plan): RSDP/Cons/Road/04

The Government of Nepal has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Road Sector Development Project, Extended Phase and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The Department of Roads intends to widen and improve Kakarbhitta-Dhalkebar-Pathlaiya Section of the East-West Highway. The scope of the consulting services are i) Feasibility study of Kakarbhitta – Dhalkebar - Pathlaiya Section (about 367 km) of the East West Highway; ii) Preparation of Preliminary Project Report (PPR) for the replacement of about 68 numbers bridges including causeways and any unidentified gaps along the Dhalkebar – Pathalaiya Section of the East West Highway and preparation of Bidding Documents for Design – Build contract(s); (iii) Detailed Design of Kakarbhitta - Dhalkebar - Pathlaiya Section of the East West Highway and detailed design of bridges from Kakarbhitta to Dhalkebar portion; iv) Construction Supervision of Design and Build contract(s) for replacement bridges; and (v) Construction Supervision of widening and improvement of Dhalkebar – Pathalaiya Section of the East – West Highway, if the existing project period allows.

Anticipated date of commencement of the services is July 2016 and the tentative duration of the assignment is about **48 months**.

The Consultant shall provide expert service for the scope of works described above. The Consulting team is expected to comprise International Experts – Team Leader (Highway Engineer), Highway Engineer, Structural Engineers including Bridge Expert, Geotechnical Engineer, Road Safety Engineer, Road Traffic Engineer, Contract Specialist and National Experts as Highway Engineers, Structure Engineers, Hydrologists, Geotechnical Engineers, Pavement Design Engineers, Material Engineers, Resident Engineers, Quality Control Engineers, Contract Specialist, Assistant Resident Engineers, Inspectors of Works, Laboratory Technicians, Surveyors and Support Staffs.

Road Sector Development Project, Foreign Cooperation Branch, Department of Roads under the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport now invites eligible **International Consulting firms** (Consultants) to indicate their expression of interest for providing the Services. Association with Domestic Consulting firms either in the form of joint venture or sub-consultant is encouraged. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The short listing criteria are:

- Business Objective, Age and Expertise of the Firm.
- Corporate Capacity of the Firm (Annual Turnover, Financial Information for last 5 years)

- General Work Experience of the Firm.
- Specific work experience of the Consulting Firm in assignments similar in value, complexity and similar geographical conditions.
- Availability of personnel (staff) with the firm having relevant qualification and experience.
- Association with other Firm/s, having adequate experience in the relevant area/s.
- Adherence to the code of ethics and Government's anticorruption policy

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: *Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, dated January 2011 ('Consultant Guidelines')* setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by the World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011. It is intended that short-listed consultants will be invited to submit their technical and financial proposals as per the Request for Proposal (RFP) document to be issued to them.

Consultant proposing to associate with each other to enhance their qualification, shall clearly state, in the Expression of Interest, their form of association, whether a joint venture or a sub-consultancy. The Consultants' association, not stated clearly, shall be considered to be in the form of sub consultant.

Interested Consultant may obtain further information about the service from the address given below during office hour or may visit Department of Roads (DoR) Website <http://www.dor.gov.np>.

Expression of interest must be delivered in written form to the address below by **16 November, 2015 office hour**.

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