

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

INDIA

Assam Secondary Road Network Improvement Project (ASRIP)

Loan No.: L0440A

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Consultancy Services for road safety improvement on State Highways and Major District Roads in project area of ASRIP

This request for expressions of interest follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared in UN Development Business and national Newspapers on February 5, 2021 for this project.

The Government of India on behalf of Government of Assam has taken financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) toward the cost of Assam Secondary Road Network Improvement Project for improvement and upgradation of State Highways (SH) and Major District Roads (MDR). It intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Services would be towards improving road safety on SH and MDRs in Upper Assam, the project area of ASRIP involving: (i) identification of potential accident prone locations and blackspots in the SH & MDRs network in the project region in about 750 km of SH & MDRs; (ii) preparation of detailed project reports and contract packages for road safety engineering interventions to treat /mitigate/counter measures black spots, accident prone and other hazardous locations; and (iii) supervision of the works contracts and assessment of efficacy of implementation of road safety interventions. The implementation period of the assignment would be 36 months, expected to commence from the first half of 2024. It is estimated that an input of about 218 person-months of key-professional staff would be required for the assignment.

The Chief Engineer (EAP), Public Works Roads Department, Government of Assam 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 experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

(1) qualifications and similar experience of the firm, such as core business and years in business, specific experience, technical and managerial capability of the firm. The firm shall have experience of successfully completing for national highways/state highways in the last five years - (a) minimum of 3 road safety audit projects; (b) preparing detailed engineering designs for two road safety improvement projects; and (c) construction supervision for two road improvement projects.

(2) availability of key professionals within the firm having expertise to deliver the Services. It shall include certified road safety auditors; highway design engineers and highway engineers with experience in construction supervision including quantity surveying, traffic engineering, material and pavement specialist, social specialist, etc.

(3) financial soundness of the firm in terms of annual turnover and net worth. The firm should have an annual turnover of INR 500 million in any one year in the last five years and positive net worth in each of the last five years.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section II, paragraph 4.4, and paragraph 4.9 of the AIIB’s “Procurement Instructions for Recipients” June 2, 2016, setting forth the AIIB’s policy on conflict of interest and eligibility.

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 Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Instructions for Recipients. Further information and Terms of Reference can be downloaded from Tenders section in the website <https://pwdroads.assam.gov.in> or <https://apwd.in> obtained at the address below during office hours 1000 to 1700 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by postal mail, by June 30, 2023.

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