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

COUNTRY: GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

NAME OF PROJECT: OBIGARM NUROBOD Rd PROJECT LONG BRIDGE

Loan No./Grant No.: TBD

Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for Concept Feasibility Study, Detailed Design and Tender Documents

Reference No.: AIIB/SF/ONRdPLB/CS-01

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan has received for financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) toward the cost of the Obigarm Nurobod Rd Project Long Bridge, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include but not limited to:

- The objective of the Consultancy is to ready Detailed Design and Tender Documents for Long Bridge and its approaches, for financing and implementation.
- The scope includes preparing a bridge Design Concepts feasibility study, preferred Concept recommendations based on Value for Money (VfM) and life-cycle costs, detailed engineering design of the preferred Concept, co-ordination with environmental and social impact assessment and the preparation of tender documents for the Long Bridge construction. The consultant will also provide support to the tender process.
- The consultancy work shall be divided into two (2) phases. In Phase 1, the feasibility of the bridge concepts or alternatives will be done. The consultant will proceed with Phase 2, preliminary/detailed design, only after receiving the consent of MOT and AIIB., and agreement to the preferred bridge option presented in the feasibility study report.
- The assignment will be carried out over a period of twelve (12) months from the date of commencement and shall be completed by January 1, 2021. The assignment will be implemented by a consulting firm. It is anticipated that about 65 personmonths of input by international consultants and about 80 person-months by national consultants will be required.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.

The Ministry of Transport/Projects Implementation Unit for Roads Rehabilitation 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 shortlisting criteria are:

- Firm's extensive experience with design and procurement of projects of a similar nature and complexity in Central Asia (preferably) and/or other eligible countries financed by international financial institutions.
- Should have completed minimum 2 assignments similar in nature (detailed design of large bridges with a length of 700-800 meters) and scope over the past 5 years. The consulting firms must support their claims by providing information on core business and years of experience in the business, relevant experience, the funding source(s), amount of contract, technical and managerial capability of the firm. Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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 subconsultancy. 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 can be obtained at the address below during office hours: 08:00 to 17:00 hours (Tajikistan time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by post or by e-mail) by <u>7 February 2020.</u>

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