Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Project Implementation Consultants for Loan 40540-016 BAN: South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Dhaka-Northwest Corridor Road Project Phase 2

1. The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB) have applied for a loan from the Asian Development Bank (hereinafter referred to as 'ADB') for implementing SASEC Road Connectivity Project-II: Improvement of Elenga-Hatikamrul-Rangpur Road to a 4-Lane Highway under Loan 40540-016 BAN: South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Dhaka-Northwest Corridor Road Project Phase 2 (earlier named as Second SASEC Road Connectivity Investment Program). A portion of the proceeds of the loan is intended to be used as payments under the Contract for Project Implementation Consultants for which this EOI is issued.

2. The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) (Executing Agency), Road Transport and Highways Division (RTHD), Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges (MRTB) will implement the project.

3. Objective and purpose of the assignment is to (i) ensure high standards of quality assurance in execution of works and completion of work within stipulated time limit, (ii) comprehensive supervision of project implementation activities carried out by the contractor(s) to ensure complete compliance with the drawings, technical specifications and various stipulations in the contract documents, (iii) assist the RHD in developing a road operation scheme, including the Road Research and Training Center (RRTC) at the headquarters and Road Operation Units (ROU) on the corridor of Dhaka-Elenga-Hatikamrul-Rangpur road covering road maintenance, overloading control, and road safety. The Project Implementation Consultants have to carry out the following tasks:

   a) Task 1: Construction Supervision of Road Works and Inspection of Road Maintenance. The consultant will (i) review, and make modification as necessary to the detailed design for the project road already prepared by the TA consultant of SRTP; (ii) prepare detailed design for the improvement of Hatikamrul Interchange, (iii) provide procurement supports, (iv) provide construction supervision to civil works, and (v) provide other support upon RHD's request. In addition to the above services, the consultant will undertake maintenance quality checks for project road with regard to the technical, contractual and financial aspects of the project implementation. The consultant shall provide to the RHD an assessment report on the quality of the completed maintenance works.

   b) Task 2: Road Research and Training Center. RHD would like to establish a RRTC under the RHD headquarters with the function of (i) road asset management, (ii) road safety, (iii) overloading control, (iv) quality control, and (v) research and training, and a number of Road Operation Units (ROU) in the field along the sub-regional corridors to practice the life-cycle road operation with special emphasis on road asset management, road safety and overload control. The consultant will (i) assist the RHD to review and finalize the business models (operation plan and staffing plan) of RRTC and ROU developed Loan 2949-BAN, (ii) prepare design and bidding documents for office buildings, facilities, and equipment and provide procurement supports, (iii) assist RHD in establishing the RRTC and ROU, and (iv) develop project management tools for ROU to manage the PBM contracts.


5. RHD will conduct the short-listing of the interested consulting firms for the above mentioned consulting services.

6. Assignment specific qualifications and experience includes:

   a) Technical Competence: details of past experience working with similar project authorities;
   b) Geographic Experience: experience in similar geographic area;
   c) Management Competence; and
   d) Other information including summary of permanent professional employees with key qualifications, number of Highway and Bridge Engineers, those who belong to the firm for more than a year and average working experiences (years) of those Highway and Bridge engineers, experience of detailed design and design review of highways, bridges and buildings, experience in developing business models and operational planning of road research and training center and road operation unit.

Interested applicants may obtain further information by applying to the undersigned during normal office hours preferable by e-mail.

7. Interested applicants MUST visit the website https://www.adb.org/site/business-opportunities/consulting to obtain detail information of Profile, Terms of Reference, Cost Estimate and for online submission of the EOI.
8. Offline submission of EOI is allowed at or before 14.00 Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) on 27 April 2017 in sealed envelopes marked with “SASEC Road Connectivity Project-II: Improvement of Elenga-Hatikamrul-Rangpur road to a 4-lane Highway” to the address of the undersigned.

9. The Client will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the firm(s) in connection with the preparation or delivery of the EOI. The Executing Agency reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reason.

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Copy to:
1. The Secretary, Road Transport and Highways Division, Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka with a request to kindly take necessary steps to publish the Invitation of the Expression of Interest (EOI) in the websites of Bangladesh Missions abroad as well as in the Foreign Embassies and High Commissions in Bangladesh. [Encl. soft copy of EOI Notice]
3. The Chief Engineer, Roads and Highways Department, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka
5. The Director General, Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU), IMED, Ministry of Planning, Block-12, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka with a request to publish the Invitation of the Expression of Interest (EOI) in the CPTU website [Encl. soft copy of EOI Notice]
6. The Additional Chief Engineer (RHD), Planning and Maintenance Wing, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka
7. The Joint Secretary (Admin.), Road Transport and Highways Division, Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka with a request to publish the Invitation of the Expression of Interest (EOI) in the MoRTB/RTHD website [Encl. soft copy of EOI Notice]
8. Mr. Chen Chen, Senior Transport Specialist, Asian Development Bank, Metro Manila, Philippines
9. The Superintending Engineer, RHD, MIS and Estates Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka with a request to publish the Invitation of the Expression of Interest (EOI) in the RHD website [Encl. soft copy of EOI Notice]
10. The Additional Project Director-2 (SE, RHD), SASEC Road Connectivity Project-II: Improvement of Elenga-Hatikamrul-Rangpur Road to a 4-Lane Highway, 132/4 New Bailey Road, Dhaka
11. The Deputy Project Director (EE, RHD), SASEC Road Connectivity Project-II: Improvement of Elenga-Hatikamrul-Rangpur Road to a 4-Lane Highway, 132/4 New Bailey Road, Dhaka
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