

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

INDIA

Assam Secondary Road Network Improvement Project (ASRIP)

Loan No.: L0440A

(Re-advertisement)

No.: CE/ASRIP/E.405365/xxx

Dated: June 10, 2024

Consultancy Services for Upgradation and implementation of Road Asset Management System on the Road Network in Assam

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, which includes upgradation of existing Road Asset Management System (RAMS).

The services would include technical and functional upgradation of the RAMS which is in operation in the department. It would also include addition of new modules, updation of existing data along with the inclusion of new data as applicable on Assam road network comprising of around 66,203 km and preparation of Annual and Multi-year Asset Management Plan for the priority road network. The period of the consultancy services would be 36 months including 12 months for RAMS software upgradation, 2 years for Operation & Maintenance support. The annual data collection, updation and preparation of Asset Management Plan for two years will be undertaken concurrently during the initial 24 months. It is estimated that an input of about 180 person-months of key-professional staff would be required for the assignment. A draft Terms of Reference (TOR) is available at <https://pwdroads.assam.gov.in> or <https://apwd.in> or alternatively, it can be obtained at the address below during office hours 1000 to 1700 hours (IST).

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) General experience of the firm;
- 2) Specific experience in the past 10 years. For the purpose of specific experience, the firm should have successfully completed/or substantially completed: (i) at least 1 development / upgradation of road asset management system for any road agency at state (provincial) or central (federal) level; (ii) collected data required for RAMS; (iii) undertaken analysis and prepared maintenance plan using RAMS for primary / secondary road network (NH, SH, MDR) of any state / central road agency.;
- 3) Financial soundness of the firm in terms of annual turnover and network in the past five years;
- 4) Technical and managerial capacity of the firm; and
- 5) Other credentials of the firm.

Expression of Interest (Eoi) must include the following:

- Introductory letter on the letter head (with complete contact details – name of the contract person, mailing address, telephone, email etc.) explaining how the firm is best to deliver the task;
- Organizational profile;
- Annual reports for the last three years;
- Short note on the similar projects implemented by the Consultant pertaining to the shortlisting criteria; and
- Details of relevant similar projects undertaken in the past 10 years.

The EOI should contain sufficient supporting documents to substantiate the claim of the Consultant towards their qualification as per the shortlisting criteria.

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 available on their website www.aiib.org 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. The maximum number of firms allowed in a joint venture is two.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Instructions for Recipients.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by postal mail or by email, by July 10, 2024. The Firms who have already submitted are not required to submit their Expressions of interest issued vide CE/ASRIP/E.405365/3 dated January 20, 2024. However, if they want to update their qualification and other information, they can submit their documents afresh.

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