Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF) Sustainable Urban Transport Investment Program - Tranche 1 Call for Expression of Interest (EOI) – Issue Date: May 01, 2018

Consulting services for Supervision of the Construction of Road Junction on the Tbilisi Marshal Gelovani Avenue nearby the Statue of "Vepkhi da Mokme" and Road Connecting Marshal Gelovani Avenue to Mukhran Machavariani Street

The Government of Georgia has requested a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to finance the Sustainable Urban Transport Investment Program – Tranche 1. Part of the loan proceeds will finance the assignment.

Based on country development strategy and existing masterplans, the Government has prioritized the improvement of transport services in all towns and cities through the country, starting in areas of most urgent or strategic needs. The Government has already invested significantly in urban transport during last decade, and further investments are on-going in order to: (i) meet the increasing demand and guarantee good mobility conditions for all citizens; (ii) improve inhabitant's quality of life, protect the environmental conditions, and support development of tourism; and (iii) provide world-class infrastructure to allow private companies and investors to find a convenient and efficient environment to thrive.

Dramatic increase of the number of vehicles during last years, frequent traffic jams and air contamination represent one of the major challenges for Tbilisi. Residents of Tbilisi are forced to contend with highly congested streets especially during peak hours. Upgrading and improvement of transport-related infrastructure and urban transport system plays significant role in the development of Tbilisi city Infrastructure. To this effect a number of important activities have been implemented and financed from the Tbilisi City Hall budget and other sources, including grants and loans. In spite of these efforts numerous transport related problems facing Tbilisi residents still remain to be adequately addressed.

Chronic traffic congestion and potential traffic accidents at Marshal Gelovani Avenue and Tbilisi Mtkvari right bank intersection due to increasing traffic volume with sharp U-turning are getting worse. In an effort to improve transport infrastructure in Tbilisi, at the request of the Tbilisi City Municipality the Government of Georgia made a decision to launch two projects:

- construction of the Road Junction on the Marshal Gelovani Avenue nearby the Statue of "Vepkhi da Mokme" (hereafter "Road Junction"); and
- construction of the Road connecting Marshal Gelovani Avenue to Mukhran Machavariani street (Lisi Road).

Both projects will address critical bottleneck in this area that impede mobility in Tbilisi. The respective TOR for Both projects describe supervision consultancy services during construction of Road Junction and Lisi Road. Services for Lisi Road construction supervision is optional.

Both projects are funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF) is the project executing agency. MDF will be the Employer and will act on behalf of the Government and Tbilisi Municipality.

Scope of Consulting Services is as follows:

- (i) supervise and monitor construction of the road junction;
- (ii) manage contract changes, contractor claims and scope revisions;
- (iii) monitor the project performance, benefits and ensure compliance with all social and environmental requirements;
- (iv) ensure that high quality construction is achieved;
- (v) ensure that designs are carried out following international engineering standards;
- (vi) ensure that all work associated with the project are carried out in full compliance with the designs and specifications;

- (vii) supervise the implementation of the LARP, ensure that it is carried out based on the stipulations detailed in the LARP and its outcomes are properly detailed in a compliance report to be prepared by the external monitoring agency as a condition to start civil works; reflect relevant issues in the quarterly project implementation report as needed.
- (viii) ensure that the construction contractor prepares the detailed Site Specific Environmental Management Plan (SSEMP);
- (ix) ensure that environmental requirements, road safety and monitoring are carried out in accordance with the recommendations of studies, plans, and analysis of the project, and in compliance with ADB safeguards policy and applicable laws of Georgia;
- (x) issue the Taking Over Certificate (TOC) and commission the works after project completion;
- (xi) transfer know-how and methods to increase MDF's efficiency and productivity;
- (xii) provide advices and a combination of on-the job and classroom training to improve MDF and Tbilisi City Municipality's management capacity; and
- (xiii) liaise with government authorities, consultants, NGO's, civil society, and other stakeholders concerned with the project implementation to carry out proper consultation.

The consulting firm shall meet the following requirements:

- (i) Register as a consulting firm under the ADB Consultant Management System (CMS) in accordance with the terms of both firm legal registration and home country status of each individual team members (all experts engaged under the contract must be citizens of one of the ADB member countries).¹
- (ii) The Consultant should have extensive experience in road design, construction supervision, construction specifications, quality control, contract management and dispute resolution of similar size international contracts, extensive experience in urban traffic planning, road engineering, large project management and construction supervision. Experience in Caucasus East European or former Soviet countries would be an asset. It is preferred that all specialists should have obtained a bachelor's degree from an accredited university, and have experience in Georgia, in Caucasus, or in East European or Central Asian countries.

The construction period for the Road Junction Supervision will be 12 months plus 12 month defects liability period and for Lisi Road Supervision - 8 and 12 months respectively.

The consulting firms shall be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection, Full Technical Proposal (Time Based Contract) method as per the procedures set out in the <u>Guidelines on the use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers.</u>

Interested firms are invited to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) using ADB Consultant Management System (https://uxdmz06.adb.org/OA HTML/OA.jsp?OAFunc=XXCRS CSRN HOME PAGE) in accordance with the instruction given on the ADB web-page:

https://uxdmz06.adb.org/OA HTML/adb/adbpos/jsp/ADBCMSLogin.jsp by May 30, 2018.

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¹ For further information, see: https://uxdmz06.adb.org/OA HTML/adb/adbpos/jsp/ADBPOSRegisterInfo.htm