Municipal Development Fund of Georgia Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Loan N 3063 - GEO: SUSTAINABLE URBAN TRANSPORT INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Request for Expression of Interest for the Position of External Monitoring and Evaluation of Land acquisition and Resettlement Specialist Ref. No: SUTIP3-IC-02-2014

The Project is funded by the Government of Georgia (GoG) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF) is the project executing agency.

The Government of Georgia has decided to upgrade the road, and has declared modernization of the Tbilisi-Rustavi road as the priority project. The project aims to construct a 19.8-km long urban highway link between Tbilisi and the neighboring city of Rustavi. The existing 2-lanes highway is experiencing high congestion in peak hours and conveys the bulk of freight and passenger traffic to Azerbaijan and Armenia. Government decided to upgrade the road into a full-grade separated freeway with four lanes.

Under this project the Municipal Development Fund of Georgia announces Expression of Interest for selection of *Individual National Consultant* to conduct monitoring and evaluation of the resettlement process and impacts.

The external monitoring for the Project will be based on (i) the procedures and guidelines of ADB as set out in Handbook on Resettlement (Manila, 1998); (ii) relevant laws, policies, and regulations in Georgia; (iii) ADB's Safeguards Policy Statement, 2009, on Involuntary Resettlement and pertinent local laws; and (iv) the general principle that Affected Persons' (AP) livelihood should be better or at least remain at the present level after completion of the Project.

The Land Acquisition and Resettlement Monitoring Specialist (LARMS) will monitor the implementation of the LARP addendums for Road sections 1, and 3 and its appropriateness in a Final Compliance Report (LFCR); implementation of the LARP for Secondary Road (for section 3) and LARP 3 (for section2 LARP 3 part A and LARP 3 part B). The Land Acquisition and Resettlement Monitoring Specialist (LARMS) will work in parallel of the implementation of the LARPs conducted by the EA.

The major tasks for the LARMS are the following:

(i) Develop specific monitoring indicators in compliance with the LARP monitoring and evaluation framework;

(ii) Monitor the progress of the land acquisition and resettlement activities against the targeted performance indicators;

(iii) Verify claims through random checking at the field level to assess whether resettlement objectives have been generally met;

(iv) Identify the strengths and weaknesses of the resettlement objectives and approaches, and implementation strategies;

(v) Review and verify the progress in implementation of LARPs and prepare quarterly reports for the EA and ADB;

(vi) Evaluate and assess the adequacy of compensation given to the APs and the livelihood opportunities and incomes as well as the quality of life of APs/AHs of project-induced changes;

(vii) Evaluate and assess the adequacy and effectiveness of the consultative process with APs, particularly those vulnerable, including the adequacy and effectiveness of grievance procedures and legal redress available to the affected parties, and dissemination of information about these.

The consultant will be recruited by MDF as an individual consultant on an intermittent basis. Tentative duration of the Contract is 18 months.

Knowledge and qualifications:

(i) proficient in spoken and written English and Russian;

(ii) at least 3 years experience in conducting external resettlement monitoring or evaluation for development projects and/or experience in land management projects;

(iii) experience in implementation of sociological projects would be an asset;

(iv) consultant shall hold an appropriate degree in social sciences, land management or urban planning;

(v) Familiarity with the ADB Involuntary Resettlement Policy and the ADB Safeguards Policy update would be an advantage.

Interested Individual Consultants may obtain additional information at the Procurement Unit at the address provided below from 09:00 a.m. to 17:00 p.m. Phone number: (+99532) 243 70 01, extension 409, Ms. Nata Peitrishvili, Procurement Specialist.

Interest expression with CV shall be submitted at the link below no later than 17:00 p.m. of November 21, 2014:

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