

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Georgia

Batumi Bypass Road Project (BBRP)

Loan No. 3520-GEO

Assignment Title: **National Environment Specialist**

Reference No: **BBRP/CS/ICS-14**

Georgia has received financing from Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) toward the cost of **the Batumi Bypass Road Project (BBRP)** and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to procure goods, civil works and consulting services under the Project with co-financing of the Georgian Government.

The Roads Department of the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia invites the eligible individual consultants to express their interest for the following Consultancy Service: **National Environment Specialist**.

The objective of the assignment:

The National Environment Specialist will support RD to ensure that all physical works comply with the national environmental laws and regulations and strictly, follow the Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) provided as a part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports.

The duties and responsibilities of Environment Specialist are as follows (the further details are provided in the Terms of Reference):

- Track timely receipt of the monthly environmental monitoring reports from the construction supervision consultant firms hired by the RD, assess these reports and provide recommendations for their improvement as required, check adequacy of the corrective measures recommended by the supervision consultants in case of EMP violations; track follow-up on the recorded violations and application of the prescribed corrective measures; provide assistance in resolution of environmental complaints;
- Undertake regular field trips to the project sites for verifying relevance and coverage of the factual information provided in the supervision consultant's reports, and providing RDs direct oversight of the outstanding and/or high-risk environmental issues related to the project implementation;
- Participate in carrying out any supplemental site-specific environmental studies and/or developing site-specific EMPs and assist RD and its consultants (if relevant) if and as required in the course of the projects' implementation.
- Closely collaborate with the RD environmental staff to ensure involvement in all current issues and provide relevant assistance.
- Assist RD in review and refinement of EMPs and semi-annual reports and accordingly ensure close collaboration and cooperation with the consultants. Support in obtaining the relevant environment permits/licenses required by the Government authorities;
- Participate in public meetings together with the RD staff.

The National Environment Specialist shall have the following qualifications and experience:

- A university degree in the field of natural science;
- A qualified professional in the field of natural science with preferably 8 (eight) years of work experience, out of which preferably 3 (three) years shall be similar to the proposed assignment;
- Relevant practical skills in environmental management. Hands-on experience in environmental management (preferably supervision assignments) of infrastructure development projects will be an advantage;
- Practical experience in carrying out environmental assessments of and management planning for infrastructure development projects, and/or implementing such plans (practical experience in road projects will be an advantage);
- Knowledge of the Georgian environmental law, regulations, and standards;
- Working experience in environmental-related issues preferably under the projects funded by International Financial Institutions (experience of working in/for ADB funded projects will be an advantage);
- Superior verbal and writing communication skills in English and Georgian languages;

The estimated duration of assignment is 12 months (continuous) with possibility of contract extension.

Interested individuals shall follow the link to participate in the selection:

https://selfservice.adb.org/OA_HTML/adb/xxcrs/jsp/ADBCsrnFwd.jsp?sel=180662

Selection will be done according to the recruitment of individual consultant selection method provided in Guidelines on The Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and Its Borrowers (available at <http://www.adb.org/documents/guidelines-use-consultants-asian-development-bank-and-its-borrowers>)