

Roads Department of the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia

Request for Expression of Interest (Position: Local Resettlement Specialist)

BACKGROUND: The Government of Georgia (GOG) has received a loan (USD 500 million) from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) through a Multi-tranche Financing Facility (MFF) for implementing the Road Corridors Development Program (the Program) to improve (rehabilitate, improve or construct) several roads in various regions of Georgia. The civil works associated with these improvements require additional land and property to be acquired and/or people to be involuntarily resettled according to plans endorsed by ADB. Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan is prepared (LARPIII) which covers acquisition the land for of approximately 20 km 2 lane road is under completion stage. Three Compliance reports have been prepared for sub sections under the LARP and civil works is ongoing, under the remaining part Roads Department (RD) started preparation process for several cases for expropriation process. RD plans to complete implementation of the LARP III by the end of April 2015.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT:

The main objective of this assignment is to assist RDMRDI in preparing; implementing, monitoring and evaluating the LARP in line with Georgian Laws and ADB Safeguard Policy Statement. In particular: (i) involuntary resettlement is to be avoided and otherwise be minimized; (ii) compensation provisions will provide opportunity improve, or at least restore, their standards of living; (iii) affected persons should be informed and consulted in the course of resettlement planning and implementation; (iv) assets lost because of the project will be replaced or otherwise compensated at replacement cost, without deductions for any purpose; and (v) particular attention should be paid to households headed by women and to vulnerable groups.

MAIN TASKS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CONSULTANT

Review previous work done by RDMRDI relating to land acquisition.

Assist RDMRDI so that all future expropriation work is carried out in accordance with ADB and Georgian legislation standards and procedures.

Assist RDMRDI in establishing and maintaining data relating:

- to expropriation
- to redress of grievances
- to payment of compensations

Assist RDMRDI with periodic review of the grievance redress procedure, analyzing the number and type of complaints submitted and assessing the effectiveness of project responses.

Assist RDMRDI with periodic site investigations during the implementation period, to consult with affected persons and identify obstacles to effective completion of all LARP activities.

Conducting the post implementation monitoring and prepare resettlement post monitoring reports.

Qualification Requirements

The successful candidate should have:

- An advanced degree in social sciences or a related field from a nationally accredited university;
- At least 10 years of proven practical experience in preparation and implementation of resettlement planning documents, compliance review, post implementation monitoring, reporting and stakeholder consultation (include names and contact information of previous clients); and
- Familiarity with ADB financed infrastructural projects.

Reporting Obligation

The consultant shall prepare LARP Implementation Progress Reports showing current progress of the LARP implementation and post implementation monitoring reports on a monthly basis.

1. Selection criteria:

Selection will be done according to the recruitment of individual international 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>), and the following criteria and weights:

1. 30% General Qualification.
2. 70% Assignment-related Experience.

Application Submission

Applications electronically or in printed materials must be delivered to the addresses below not later than March 12, 2015

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