

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### Georgia

#### **East-West Highway Corridor Improvement Project (EWHCIP)**

**Loan No.** IBRD 8547-GE

**Project No.** P149952

**Assignment Title: Technical Audit Expert (Individual Consultant)**

**Reference No:** EWHCIP/CS/ICS-07

The Government of Georgia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of **the East-West Highway Corridor Improvement Project (EWHCIP)**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, and related services and consulting services to be procured under this project, which will be jointly financed by the Government of Georgia.

The Roads Department of the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia (RDMRDI) now invites eligible Individual Consultants (“Consultants”) to express their interest in providing the following services: **Technical Audit Expert**. Primary objective of the assignment is to carry out the technical audit of the works executed on the Project Section: Zemo Osiauri to Chumateleti Lot 2-A km5+800 – km7+700.

The Terms of Reference for these services is available on the following link: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/1pfpc36vmz7sytqtd6ib1/ToR-for-technical-audit-1.9km-section-of-F0.docx?rlkey=98xnfzi0igw4yudwrq49gw4q9&dl=0>

Interested individuals shall provide CV demonstrating that they have the necessary experience to perform the aforesaid services.

#### Required Qualification and Experience of the Consultant:

- Degree in Civil Engineering or equivalent;
- At least 15 years of general engineering experience in road sector;
- At least 10 years of Highway/Motorway/Expressway design and supervision or implementation management experience;
- At least 5 years of experience on the position of Team Leader in Highway/Motorway/Expressway construction/reconstruction supervision assignments;
- At least 5 years of experience in working with FIDIC contracts;
- Road safety experience is an advantage;
- Good knowledge of English language is a must.

Selected expert shall have no conflict of interest, i.e. shall not have employment record with the Contractor, the Engineer (supervision consultant) and the Employer (has not been employed by RD at any stage of design and implementation of the section Zemo Osiauri – Chumateleti).

*Note: The Road Department reserves it's right to verify submitted references and use obtained information for evaluation purposes.*

Estimated duration of assignment is 60 calendar days from contract effectiveness date.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers January 2011 – Revised July 2014 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. Also, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment: The consultant shall not receive any remuneration in connection with the assignment except as provided in the contract. The consultant and its affiliates shall not engage in consulting or other activities that conflict with the interest of the client under the contract.

The Consultant will be selected under the “Individual Consulting Service” method for a **Lump-sum** contract, as described in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011, revised July 2014 (“Consultant Guidelines”).

Interested consultants may obtain further information by email: [info@georoad.ge](mailto:info@georoad.ge)

Expressions of Interest accompanied by CVs and other relevant information electronically or in printed materials must be delivered to the address below not later than April 16, 2024, 15:00 hours.

The evaluation committee may interview the best candidate(s) assessed based on their CVs, before concluding evaluation. The interview may be conducted by telephone or by alternative communication tools, or in person (as will be agreed with the candidate), and the date and time of these interviews will be confirmed or notified to the candidate at least 5 days in advance. If a candidate is unable to participate in an interview due to force majeure, a mutually convenient alternative date and time is arranged with the candidate. If the candidate is unable to participate in this second scheduled time, its candidacy will be eliminated from the evaluation process. The cost of attending the interview (if any) shall be borne by the candidate. The tentative timeline of the interview is April 30, 2024.

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