

SERVICE PROCUREMENT NOTICE
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(REFERENCE CODE GTC/CS/NP-01)
Local Environment Specialist

Source of Financing:

Georgia Transport Connectivity (GTC A/B) Project

FI N °86.379 & FI N °87.560

Serapis N° 2016-0404 & Serapis N° 2017-0159

Contracting Authority: Roads Department of the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia (RD)

Background on the Roads Department

The Roads Department is the subordinated agency of the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia (MRDI) and is responsible for the management and administration of the International and Secondary Road infrastructure under the responsibility of MRDI.

Background on the Project

The EIB has provided funding to the Georgian Government to execute the Georgia East-West Highway (GEWH) project, which comprises of the Civil Works of the construction of 52 Km 4 lane highway for Samtredia-Grigoleti road section, which is divided into the following four lots:

Lot 1 - Km 0+000 - Km 11+500 – the retendering is ongoing due to the termination of the Contract;

Lot 2 - Km 11+500 - Km 19+500 – the construction is completed;

Lot 3 - Km 11+500 - Km 42+000 – the procurement is ongoing;

Lot 4 - Km 42+000 - Km 51+570 – the construction is ongoing.

The Georgia Transport Connectivity A/B (GTC A/B) and the Georgia Transport Connectivity II projects encompass new construction and rehabilitation of approximately 250km of priority primary and secondary roads on the Georgian road network to be financed under a Framework Loans to ensure Georgia's global connectivity and local mobility. Ten individual schemes have been preliminarily identified for inclusion under the Loan, out of which seven proposed are financed by EIB.

In this regard, three allocation letter were issued covering the following subjects from GTC A/B:

- The execution of the construction of Grigoleti-Kobuleti Bypass Road Section km 00 + 000 – km 14 + 000 of E-70 Highway under the first allocation.
- The execution of the construction of Ubisa-Shorapani Road Section of E-60 Highway under the second allocation.
- The execution of the construction for upgrading of Chumateleti-Khevi Road Section km 00 + 000 – km 11 + 600 of E-60 Highway under the third allocation.

The certain parts of this credit will be applied to hire an Environmental consultant to support and facilitate the efficiency and effectiveness of Environmental activities and environmental issues of the EIB financed project “Georgia Transport Connectivity” (GTC) and Georgia East West Highway Project (GEWHP).

The estimated duration of the assignment will be 37 months with a possibility extension.

The duties and responsibilities of Local Environment Specialist shall include the following:

The Environmental Consultant will help the RD to ensure that all physical works performed under the GEWHP and GTC are in compliance with the national environmental laws and regulations and strictly follow Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) provided as a part of the Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) report of these projects. Carrying out this assignment would imply daily cooperation with the core environmental staff of the RD and will comprise of the following tasks:

- Track timely receipt of the monthly environmental monitoring reports from the construction supervision consultant firm 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 consultant in case of EMP violations; track follow-up on the recorded violations and application of the prescribed corrective measures;
- 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 Roads Department's 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;
- Participate in the FPU's team work for the development of monthly progress reports on the project implementation through provision of write-up on the status of environmental safeguards compliance;
- Closely collaborate with the RD environmental staff to ensure involvement in all current issues and provide relevant assistance;
- Assist in training the local specialists and staff, ensure proper transfer of skills and experience and support in every possible way;
- Assist RD in review and refinement of EMPs prepared for further projects and accordingly ensure close collaboration and cooperation with the consultants;
- Participate in public meetings together with the RD staff;
- Summarize and analyze the collected information (from Engineer and Contractor) for review by the RD.

In the process of preparation of the above-mentioned report, the Environmental Consultant will closely cooperate with relevant divisions of the RD and consultant will be accountable to the Deputy Chairman/Chairperson.

The Environmental Consultant shall be the team member of the Roads Department and shall work with different divisions of the Road Department to help them understand the details of the environmental safeguards, monitoring and management systems for the implementation of the Project.

The contracted Environmental Specialist will work in close cooperation/liaison with the EIB/Technical Assistance (TA) Team in particular with the Environmental Specialist of the TA.

NET Available Budget, including remuneration and reimbursable: EUR 63 000 (Sixty Three Thousand Euro). Note: the financial proposal should not exceed the budget, in such case, the consultants' proposal will not be considered.

Applicable guidelines are GUIDE TO PROCUREMENT for projects financed by the EIB Updated version of September 2018:

https://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/guide_to_procurement_en.pdf

Eligibility as per the EIB's Guide to Procurement and relevant local legislation shall be applicable.

Interested individuals shall provide information demonstrating that they have the necessary experience to perform the aforesaid services. CVs of the candidates should cover experience relevant to the project activities.

The Assignment is expected to be commenced in December for a duration of 37 months. Subject to satisfactory performance of the candidate and the Contracting Authority's further need, the contract may be extended.

Selection Process:

Individual consultants are selected on the basis of their technical and financial proposals. The technical proposal shall cover the relevant experience, qualifications, and capability to carry out the assignment. Candidates shall submit a Cover Letter together with the CV for the assessment of the Contracting Authority on the basis of academic background and knowledge of languages (yes/no criteria), general experience (20%), relevant specific experience (80%). The selection shall be carried out through the comparison of the relevant capacity of at least three candidates among those who have expressed interest. The RD reserves the right to undertake interviews with the candidates that comply with the qualification criteria. RD also reserves the right to verify the submitted references and use obtained information for evaluation purposes. The individuals included in the relevant ranking based on the qualification criteria prescribed below shall be the most experienced and best qualified, and shall be fully capable of carrying out the assignment. The Contracting Authority, prior to the contract negotiation, will ask the highest ranked individual consultant to submit the financial proposal, including reasonable fees and other expenses. In case the negotiations fail with the highest qualified candidate, the RD shall proceed with inviting the next ranked individual for contract negotiations.

Qualification Criteria of the Consultant:

Mandatory requirements:

- Master's Degree or equivalent in the Exact and Natural Sciences;
- Strong command of English and Georgian languages;
- Good grasp of the Georgian environmental law, regulations, and standards;
- Proficiency in standard computer applications, including MS Office.

General Experience:

Preferably 15 years of work experience and shall have relevant practical skills in monitoring and management of environmental issues.

Specific Experience:

Preferably 10 years of work experience in environmental monitoring and management of large scale road infrastructure development projects financed by International Financial Institutions.

The successful candidate should have experience in:

- Review the environmental screening and scoping reports;

- Review and assessment of the environmental impact assessment reports and environmental management plans and site specific environmental management plans;
- Arrangement and conduction of the public hearings;
- Obtaining of the ecological examination or environmental decision from the respective authorities;
- Monitoring of the implementation of the environmental impact assessment reports and environmental management plans and site specific environmental management plans requirements;
- Conducting the Environmental Safeguards trainings for the supervisor/Engineers and civil works companies.

The advantage will be given to the candidates having at least 5 years of the working experience under European Investment Bank financed large scale road infrastructure projects.

Interested consultants may obtain further information by email: info@georoad.ge

Cover Letter and CVs of candidates must be submitted in English exclusively to the Contracting Authority not later than **October 15, 2021 16:00 hours local time:**

- EITHER electronically (via e-mail) to:

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

Ms. Salome Tsurtsunia, Deputy Chairperson

Email: info@georoad.ge

- OR hand delivered (including courier services) to:

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