

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, RECONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING, SOMALIA



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANT ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS EXPERT FOR MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, RECONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING (MPWRH) SOMALIA

ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME SOMALIA

Sector: Transport

Project ID No.: P- SO-DB0-005

1. BACKGROUND

The Federal Government of Somalia has applied for financing from the African Development Bank toward the cost of the Roads Infrastructure Programme (RIP), and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for an Individual Consultant/ Technical Assistant – Environmental and Social Safeguard Expert for the Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction and Housing (MPWRH) under the Project.

The Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction and Housing is therefore looking for a dynamic, motivated, creative and an open-minded individual for the post of Technical Assistant – Environmental and Social Safeguard Expert. The Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction and Housing now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services.

2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Environmental and Social Safeguard Expert will be responsible for the assessment of environmental and social impacts and safeguards aspect of the project; guiding and overseeing the preparation of safeguards instruments and management plans such as the; i) Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), ii) Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), iii) Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), and iv) Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP) including mitigation and monitoring measures adequately addressing safeguards, environmental, health and safety risks of the road projects to be implemented; reviewing safeguards instruments and advising on adequacy; project implementation support, and support social and environmental capacity building in the MPWRH infrastructure sector.

He or She will ensure timely delivery of the activities set out in the Terms of Reference and also ensure alignment with the national priorities. The Environmental and Social Safeguard Expert will provide environmental and social safeguards and technical advice to the MPWRH, and Federal Member States (FMS) with regard to maintaining the project compliance with the AfDB's safeguards policies and applicable national regulations.

She or He will be required to design and deliver appropriate environmental and social safeguards training prepare monthly progress reports, quarterly progress reports and any other reports as may be instructed by Client. The Environmental and Social Safeguard Expert) will report to the Project Manager/Coordinator.

3. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

A Masters' degree in Environmental Sciences, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Policy Sociology, Social Sciences, Development Studies, Environmental Assessment/Evaluation or related field, from a reputable university and at least 7 years' relevant experience in environmental assessment and social safeguards, natural resource management, stakeholder engagement and public consultations, environmental and social monitoring.

Experience in preparing and managing two similar projects in a developing country preferably in Sub-Saharan Africa in the transport infrastructure sector.

Experience in preparing and managing implementation of Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIAs), Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs), Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs), Stakeholder Engagement Plans (SEPs) and Livelihood Restoration Plans (LRPs).

Knowledge and experience of environmental and social safeguards policies, framework and instruments of Development Partners (such as the African Development Bank, World Bank, European Union, United Nations, etc.) will be an advantage.

Knowledge and experience in multi-criteria assessment, stakeholder engagement and consultation, community participation, with analytical skills in assessing institutional capacities and designing/reviewing practical implementation arrangements for complex projects

Thorough understanding of critical issues in sustainable development, international environment and development policy, climate change, gender, social enhancement measures, labor, youth employment, etc.

Proven ability to advise and support project environmental assessments and social safeguards preparation, contractual and financial elements of development project delivery, and experience of investment program identification, program design and implementation

Computer literacy in standard software such as Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, etc.) is mandatory

Resilience, flexibility and professional integrity, including the ability to maintain a constructive approach to work and interpersonal dealings, particularly during times of pressure and on sensitive issues

Excellent oral and written communication skills in English Language to deliver presentations and reports

Ability to work and deliver results in an environment with multiple and challenging tasks

High level of integrity, confidentiality in handling public resources, must be highly motivated, innovative and a committed team player

4. DURATION AND LOCATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The input of the Environmental and Social Safeguard Expert will be 24 months. An initial Contract will be issued for a period of one (1) year, with a probation period of six (6) months and may be extended for a period of one (1) year and renewable annually subject to satisfactory performance, budget availability and operational needs. The Environmental and Social Safeguard Expert will be based in the MPWRH, Mogadishu, Somalia and will be expected to travel frequently on missions within Somalia as may be required.

NB: Working days in Somalia are Saturdays to Thursdays. Fridays and Public Holidays are non-working days. Office hours are 08:30 – 16:00hours local time on Saturdays – Wednesdays, and 08:30 – 13:00 hours local time on Thursdays.

5. SELECTION METHOD AND MODE OF APPLICATION

Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (curriculum vitae, academic and professional certificates, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.).

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the shortlist and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy, 2015 which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. The MPWRH is under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 08:30 – 16:00hours local time on Saturdays – Wednesdays, and 08:30 – 13:00 hours local time on Thursdays except on Public Holidays.

Expressions of interest must be delivered **by email** and by filling out the form of **the link below** to the address below by **05-March-2024** at **09:00 hours Local Time** and mention **“Expression of Interest for a Technical Assistant – Environmental and Social Safeguards Expert”**.

For the attention of the Director General
Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction & Housing
Near Jubba Hotel Mogadishu, Somalia
Tel: +252-61 9115000 / +252-61 2271144

Submit your application by emails **and using the LINK below**:

E-mail: rips.procurement@gmail.com and copy
dg@mpwr.gov.so; sa-farimos@mpwr.gov.so

LINK: <https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/dfump6Yu>

6. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHORTLIST

A shortlist of three to six individual consultants will be established once the expressions of interest are received. Candidates who are shortlisted will be requested to send technical and financial proposals and comment on the Terms of Reference. The shortlist will be arrived at on the basis of updated CV.