REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES FOR TECHNICAL AND ROAD SAFETY AUDITS FOR
FISH TOWN- HARPER ROAD PROJECT (FTHRP) PHASE I

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PAVING HARPER to KARLOKEN, 50 KM
AND MAINTENANCE FROM KARLOKEN TO FISH TOWN, 80 KM

Sector: Transport

Financing Agreement Reference: ADF Loan- 21001550029693
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The Government of Liberia has received financing from the African Development Bank toward the cost of the Fish Town Harper Road Project Phase I (FTHRP), and intends to apply part of the agreed amount to finance the Technical and Audit Services under the Project. The project will involve upgrading from gravel to bitumen standard of Fish Town – Harper Road, Phase 1: Harper – Karloken section (50 km). The Project components include: (i) Paving Harper City - Karloken Road (50 km), and Maintenance of the gravel section Karloken-Fish Town (80 km), Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) and Supervision of Works; (ii) Project Management (Implementation Support, Financial/Technical/Road Safety Audits, Monitoring and Evaluation) and (iii) Complementary Components: Compensation of Project Affected People (PAPs), Capacity Building, and Awareness Campaigns - HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Gender Sensitization and Road Safety Awareness Campaigns. The Project will be implemented for 24 months plus 12 months of defects liability period.

The services included under this Consultancy will be for both Technical Audit and Road Safety Audits.

The Services under the Technical Audit will include but not limited to the following:

1. Perform a diagnosis of the set of procedures and mechanisms used in work selection, implementation and supervision;
2. Verify whether works performed by the contractor fulfilled the concerns of quality economy and efficiency;
3. Conduct consistency of technical work and conformity with standards and specification. Verify quality of materials and measurement and valuation of works;
4. Assess performance of completed works and structures; and
5. Implementation constraints or shortcomings and propose recommendations to improve the existing arrangements.

The Services under the Road Safety Audit will include but not limited to the following:

1. Study design drawings and reports received from the client/MPW;
2. (if relevant) Study general accident statistics for the existing road;
3. Conduct site visit and inspect the entire road alignment with respect to the road environment and the existing and expected non-motorized and motorized traffic flow paying due attention to the following:
4. Undertake photograph and or video recordings of the hazardous sites for further detailed study;
5. Identify shortcomings that may need to be mitigated to prevent road accidents;
6. Recommend mitigating measures for identified problems;
7. Prepare draft road safety audit report with the following contents:
8. Formal submission of Draft Road Safety Audit report to the design team and the client
9. Audit Completion Meeting (where the client, design team, supervision consultant or contractor participate as appropriate) and make a formal presentation and discuss the audit findings; and
10. Provide a seminar to discuss the audit findings with the design team, client and other relevant authorities; and assist the implementation of the audit recommendations.

The Technical audit shall cover the project period from May 2014 to April 2017. The estimated duration of the assignment shall be for a period of four (4) months, intermittently. The assignment has been divided into four audit stages: (i) Pre-Audit Familiarization (ii) Initial Audit (iii) Intermediate Audit, and (iv) Final Audit. Each Audit shall be carried out for a period of one month.

The Road Safety Audit will be carried out in three (3) stages: (i) Detailed Design Audit (ii) Pre-Opening Audit and (iii) Post-Opening Audit. The RSA would be conducted for period of (3) months (intermittently) within the project development, implementation and operational stages. Audit at each stage shall be carried out for a period of one month.

The Ministry of Public Works now invites eligible consultants (Firms) to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank’s “Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants” May 2008 Edition, revised July 2012, or as may be amended from time to time, which is available on the Bank’s website at http://www.afdb.org.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monrovia Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by February 3, 2015 at 3:00 PM Monrovia Time and mention “Expression of Interest for Technical Audit for the Fish Town - Harper Road Project (FTHRP) Phase I”.

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