REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRMS)

The Republic Of Uganda

Uganda National Roads Authority

ROAD SECTOR SUPPORT PROJECT 4 (RSSP 4)

Consultancy Services for Feasibility Study and Detailed Engineering Design of Lira-Abim Road

PROJECT NO. P-UG-DBO-021
LOAN NO. 2100150028796

1. The Government of Uganda has received a loan from the African Development Fund (ADF) towards the cost of the Road Sector Support Project 4 (RSSP4), and intends to apply part of the agreed amount of this loan to payments under the contract for consultancy services for Feasibility Study and Detailed Engineering Design for Upgrading of Lira-Abim Road (125Km).

2. The Lira-Abim Road (125Km) is an existing gravel road located in the Northern part of Uganda. It traverses through the Districts of Lira, Alebtong, Otuke and Abim. The road once upgraded will also serve to facilitate trade and commerce within the region. This road also opens a major gateway to the tourism areas of Karamoja and Kidepo National park thereby increasing tourism activities within the region. The road terrain is generally mountainous to rolling with gentle slopes.

3. The main objective of the assignment is to investigate and determine the technical and economic feasibility, and the environmental and social impacts of upgrading the existing gravel road to paved standard and preparing detailed engineering designs based on the results of the feasibility studies. The services consist of feasibility study, preliminary and detailed engineering design, and preparation of bidding documents for works in accordance with the highest professional standards. The consultancy services shall be executed in two phases as follows:

   - Phase 1: Economic Feasibility Study, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, and Preliminary Design for upgrading of the existing road to comply with the design standards for at least a Class II paved road with the design life of 20 years;
   - Phase 2: Preparation of a Detailed Engineering Design, Resettlement Action Plan and Production of prequalification and Bidding Documents. The services are expected to be completed within a period of 12 Months from commencement.

4. The Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) now invites consultants 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, and availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

5. 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 dated May 2008, Revised July 2012, which is available on the Bank's website at http://www.afdb.org.

6. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours between 9.00 hours and 17.00 hours on working days.

7. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by 14th December 2017 at 16.00 hours and mention "Consulting Services for Feasibility Study and Detailed Engineering Design for Upgrading of Lira-Abim Road (125km)".

The Director, Procurement and Disposable Unit