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**MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT
ACCELERATING TRANSPORT AND TRADE CONNECTIVITY IN EASTERN
SOUTH ASIA (ACCESS) – BHUTAN PROJECT**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REoI) for
RAILWAY ADVISOR**

1. Background

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Royal Government of Bhutan has received an advance credit/loan from the World Bank towards the cost of preparatory activities for the proposed “Accelerating Transport and Trade Connectivity in Eastern South Asia (ACCESS)-Bhutan Project on the Hiring of the Railway Advisor”, to be implemented by Department of Surface Transport, Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (MoIT), Thimphu and intends to apply a part of the proceeds of this Advance credit for the services of hiring of Railway Specialist.

2. Scope of Services

- 2.1. As a key member of the ACCESS PMU, the Railway Advisor will perform the following duties/tasks: Review the technical drawing/design, choice of technology etc. for the cross-border railway links, and advise the MoIT for changes required, recommendations etc.,
- 2.2. Prepare ToR for hiring of consultants for preparation of “Railway Feasibility Study and Master Plan”, which will be supported by ACCESS.
- 2.3. Provide strategic and technical guidance on the preparation, planning and execution of interventions under the national and regional railway development initiatives of MoIT.
- 2.4. Engage closely with the PMU to monitor progress and ensure agreed milestones are met regarding railway.
- 2.5. Provide strategic and hands-on guidance for policy formulation for railway and facilitate high-level discussions concerning the implementation of these reforms and the supporting role of MoIT interventions.
- 2.6. Review and provide feedback on technical and strategic analytical work carried out by MoIT.
- 2.7. Review and provide feedback on technical studies, procurement documents, evaluation reports, etc. carried out by MoIT.
- 2.8. Assess the institutional capacity and human resource requirements for the effective implementation and management of railway projects, and recommend capacity-building initiatives.



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- 2.9. Provide guidance on the legal and regulatory framework required for the railway sector, including policies, acts, and guidelines related to railway operations, safety, and environmental compliance.
- 2.10. Review the organisational setup of the Transport Planning and Development Division under the Department of Surface Transport and recommend suitable measures in building capacity and human resource particularly in the field of railways.
- 2.11. Any other task assigned by the client.

3. Duration

The duration of the consulting services will be 80 person-days intermittent input for the contract period of one year. However, the contract duration may be increased based on performance and project need.

4. Selection Procedures

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Thimphu now invites the eligible applicants to submit the Expressions of Interests (EoI) along with the detailed financial proposals for providing the services. The Interested Applicants need to provide information demonstrating that s/he has the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.

The selection criteria are:

- 4.1. Master's degree in a relevant field.
- 4.2. At least 20 years of experience in preparation of railway master plan, design & drawings, technology preferably in the South Asia Region with a demonstrated track record in technical and analytic work.
- 4.3. Extensive knowledge and experience in the rail sector on key issues including
 - i. reform of industry structure, governance, and regulation
 - ii. funding and financing of investments and services including through co-financing among bilateral and multilateral development agencies, private sector participation, and government-to-government arrangements
 - iii. decarbonization of urban mobility and logistics; climate resilience
 - iv. regional connectivity and
 - v. development of inclusive services.
- 4.4. Experience in private sector participation in railway development activities.
- 4.5. Experience with climate finance and opportunities for railway development activities.
- 4.6. Proven strategic skills and ability to work in teams, with external clients and development partners.
- 4.7. Demonstrated project/program management skills and ability to promote client/beneficiary participation to ensure implementation and long-term sustainability of projects/programs.



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- 4.8. Ability to effectively communicate with external clients and development partners on complex policy issues.
- 4.9. Demonstrated capacity to understand the political economy and local context.
- 4.10. Demonstrated client orientation through identifying and evaluating emerging opportunities.
- 4.11. Demonstrated leadership in teamwork and inclusion to support collaboration and working across boundaries.
- 4.12. Excellent interpersonal skills, ability to constructively solve conflict situations and proven ability to lead from behind.
- 4.13. Demonstrated highest level of oral and written communication skills in English.

Applicants are required to submit their Expressions of Interest (EoI), comprising of a CV (including employment history with duties and responsibilities) and a forwarding letter describing briefly the reasons that the applicant considers him/her-self best suited to perform the assignment.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016" ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

1. Detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) and other information will be available upon request from the address provided below either through email or in person. ToR is also available in www.moit.gov.bt.
2. The consultant will be selected following the Selection of Individual Consultant method of the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016, revised November, 2017 & August, 2018 September 2023.
3. Expression of Interest needs to be submitted (either through e-mail or in person or by mail) to the following address by 17:00 hours on 16/08/2024. Please clearly mention "Expression of Interest (EoI) for Selection of **Individual RAILWAY ADVISOR Consultant** in the e-mail's subject line or on the top of the envelope.
4. EoIs received after the last date of submission will not be considered for short listing. The client reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EoIs without assigning any reason, whatsoever.