

Consultancy Services

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

TCS/Selection ID:	34247
DTM Number:	43192
Country:	Albania
Sector:	Rail Transportation
Project Title:	Detailed Design of Durres-Tirana Railway Line and the Financial/Economic Appraisal of the whole Albanian Railway Network
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Closing Date/Time:	
Executing Agency:	Ministry of Public Works and Transport of Albania
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Assignment Description:	<p>The Albanian railway company (Hekurudha Shqiptare - HSH) is responsible for rail infrastructure and rail operations on the Albanian rail network. There has been a prolonged period of low investment and maintenance work has been restricted to essential work only. The track is in workable but poor condition. The rolling stock is old and in need of renewal. Signalling is almost completely life expired. There is a need to provide a regular service of a quality that will attract passengers to the railway to ease the congestion on the road. The railway system in Albania was constructed to serve industry and still does so - the steel, cement and petroleum industries all use rail transport.</p> <p>EBRD has been approached by the Albanian government to lead this TC project with a view to financing the investment. The overall objective of this TC is to revitalize Albanian railways and enhance railway transport by improving railway infrastructure and operations and securing safety and interoperability. There are two specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide all necessary documentation (detailed design, environmental impacts assessment, tender documents) that will allow the rehabilitation of the Durres-Tirana railway line, which has the first priority on the network. 2. To provide a rational prioritization of all existing rail lines of the network based on a comprehensive financial and economic appraisal that will allow the further investment in railways in the medium and long run. An additional objective is the transfer of knowledge and skills to HSH and MoPWT. <p>The scope of services is broken down into the two independent</p>

	<p>Components of the TC that will be performed in parallel:</p> <p>COMPONENT A - Detailed Design of Durres-Tirana railway line: Task A1: Geodetic (topographical) and Geo-technical Surveys; Task A2: Design of Civil Works (substructure, superstructure, structures); Task A3: Technical Specifications for Interlocking and Communication Equipment; Task A4: Identification of new intersection; Task A5: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA); Task A6: Tender Documents (Civil Works and Interlocking and Communication Equipment).</p> <p>COMPONENT B - Financial and Economic Appraisal of the whole railway network: Task B1: Technical Study; Task B2: Traffic Study; Task B3: Financial and Economic Analyses; Task B4: Prioritization of Investments and of Railway Lines.</p>
Assignment Start Date and Duration:	The assignment will commence in September 2012 and have a duration of 9 months.
Maximum budget available for the Assignment:	<p>EUR 1,215,000.00; <i>Exclusive of VAT.</i></p> <p><i>The consultant must determine whether any VAT would be chargeable on the services and the basis for that determination, without taking into consideration the Bank's special status as an IFI and state this to the Bank in their response to the Invitation for Expressions of Interest. To the extent that a consultant incurs input VAT on goods and services purchased in connection with the provision of services (e.g VAT on airline ticket) which is not otherwise recoverable by the consultant from the local tax authority, the gross cost to the consultant of such expenses shall be treated as a reimbursable expense.</i></p>
Funding Source:	Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF)
Eligibility:	<i>There are no eligibility restrictions, however consultant selection and contracting will be subject to availability of funding from an appropriate donor or specify eligibility restrictions, if any, imposed by a funding source.</i>
Consultant Profile:	<p>Corporate services are required. The Consultant will be a firm able to demonstrate substantial and wide-ranging experience of transport engineering and economics with an emphasis on the design and construction of railways and associated rail structures, the financial and economic appraisal of rail schemes, and assessment of environmental and social impacts on infrastructure projects.</p> <p>The Consultant's team leader will be able to demonstrate significant experience of the design of rail projects, and managing multi-disciplinary teams of similar nature and complexity.</p> <p>The firm should have previous experience of working in Western Balkans.</p>
Submission Requirements:	<p>Interested firms are hereby invited to submit expressions of interest.</p> <p>In order to determine the capability and experience of consulting firms seeking to be shortlisted, the information submitted should include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • company profile, organisation and staffing;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of experience or similar assignments undertaken in the previous five years, including their locations, durations and budgets; • CVs of staff who could be available to work on the assignment. <p>The above information should not exceed 25 pages excluding CVs.</p> <p>[6] copies of the above information, in English, should be submitted in an envelope marked Expression of Interest for Detailed Design of Durres-Tirana Railway Line and the Financial/Economic Appraisal of the whole Albanian Railway Network to the Client's contact person below no later than the closing date(need to be specified)???. A further copy should be submitted to the EBRD by email by the same due date.</p>
<p>The Client's Contact Person:</p>	<p>[Ervin Minarolli address: Ministry of Public Works and Transport sheshi Skenderbej nr 5 Tirane, Albania]</p>
<p>Note:</p>	<p>Following this Invitation for Expression of Interest, a shortlist of qualified firms will be formally invited to submit proposals. Shortlisting and selection will be subject to the availability of funding from an appropriate donor.</p>