

Montenegro Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Name of Project: "Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation Phase 2" (TTFP)

Loan No: 94710-ME

Assignment Title: Project manager

Reference No. MNE-WBTTFP-94710-ME-IC-CS-23-5.1-2

February, 14. 2024.

The Government of Montenegro has received financing in the total amount of USD 15,000,000.00 (equivalent) from the World Bank, toward the costs of the "Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation Phase 2" (TTFP) project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan towards payment for Consulting services under the Contract for Individual Consultant: **Project manager.**

The Program Development Objective for the MPA is to reduce trade costs and increase transport efficiency in the Western Balkans- Six Countries. Montenegro, with one of the two gateway ports to the Western Balkans, holds a critical position for the landlocked countries of the region as well as along the TEN-T corridor and linkages to the broader European region. Given its advanced progress, towards EU membership and developed road transport infrastructure, Montenegro stands to gain significantly from efficiency gains provided by the TTFP in the country and in neighboring countries through increased road and rail connectivity and enhanced trade integration.

The Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs (MoTMA) is the umbrella ministry under which the transport sector falls and will serve as the lead implementing agency for the TTFP project. The Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs (MoTMA) needs the technical services of the Project Manager which will be responsible for the technical and administrative management of the TTFP project. The main responsibility of the Project Manager shall be to coordinate and supervise on behalf of the Ministry, the activities of the Project stakeholders and coordinate and supervise work of the consultants hired under the Project so that the Project is implemented according to the Project Operational Manual and concluded Loan Agreement. This will require close collaboration with all actors involved in the Project. The Project Manager shall ensure that all Project plans, Project documentation and reports are prepared in a timely manner (and according to the Project Work Plan and the Project Procurement Plan), and communicated to the Bank, the MoTMA and other stakeholders. The Project Manager will also work closely with the Technical Services Unit (TSU), established under the Ministry of Finance, responsible for providing core procurement and financial management services under grants, credits and loans financed by the World Bank and other relevant organizations.

The Project Manager – shall be engaged to implement and follow the Projects activities on a full-time daily basis (8 hours per day, from Monday to Friday). The consultancy is expected to start in the March, 2024 and continue up to end of April, 2028. Successful management of the project requires a dynamic person, with excellent communication skills, who is ready to work in a team and contribute to a positive team spirit.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained upon request at the e-mail address given below.

The **MoTMA** through the **Technical Service Unit**, now invites eligible individual consultants ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Individual consultants may be offered through the firms or other organizations, but the only qualifications of the individual consultant will be the basis of selection. Contract will be signed with proposed individuals. Successful management of the project requires a dynamic person, with excellent communication skills, who is ready to work in a team and contribute to a positive team spirit.

The criteria for selection are following:

Qualification (mandatory) criteria:

- 1. University Diploma in economy, law, transport engineering or any relevant discipline;
- 2. Relevant experience in transport and infrastructure projects;
- 3. Written and spoken fluency in English is essential;
- 4. Computer literacy is essential.

*Knowledge of local language will be considered as an asset.

Evaluation criteria:

- 1. At least 8 years of experience in the project implementation (contract management and administration);
- 2. Experience related to EU transport development, strategic planning and pre-accession policies and procedures;
- 3. Working experience with local authorities dealing with transport, trade and custom;
- 4. Previous experience of working with international financial institutions and donors on similar projects.

Additionally, "MoTMA" may decide to conduct an interview with shortlisted candidates in order to additionally verify required qualifications of candidates.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "*Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers*" July 2016, Revised November 2017, August 2018, and November 2020. setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant method set out in the above mentioned Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the e-mail address below.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form, only by e-mail, to the address below by February 28, 2024. 14,00h.

Ministry of Finance / Technical Service Unit

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