



**Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Utilities (MIPU)**

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

**VANUATU**

**Vanuatu Climate Resilient Transport Project**

Project ID.: P167382

**Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for Road and Bridge Engineer/  
Project Support Team Coordinator (International)**

**Reference No.** (as per Procurement Plan): VU-MIPU-5550171-CS-INDV

1. The Republic of Vanuatu has received financing of US\$ 66million from the World Bank toward the cost of the Vanuatu Climate Resilient Transport Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services under this request for expression of interest.
2. The Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Utilities (MIPU) is now seeking an individual consultant to provide services as a Road and Bridge Engineer (International)/Project Support Team (PST) Coordinator to assist MIPU to manage and implement contractual and technical aspects of VCRTTP covering services, works and goods financed under the financing for VCRTTP in an efficient and effective way in line with the Project Operations Manual (POM) or similar approved guidance documents. The position will report to the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) Head.
3. The consulting services are expected to be provided over a 5 year period with inputs totaling 42 months , i.e., 30 months full-time and 12 months part-time and the Individual Consultant will be based in Santo and frequently travel to Port Vila upon request by the PIU Head. Specifically, the Road and Bridge Engineer/PST Coordinator (International) will assist MIPU with the following tasks:
  - (i) Before contract signing: Review and provide comments to the PIU Head on all technical documents, such as detailed design documents and technical specifications prepared by the design and supervision consultant (DSC), packaging for bids, bid documents in the Bidder's bids, technical part of the Bid Evaluation Report, Technical Proposals under consultant selection;

- (ii) Contract Implementation: Review and provide comments/recommendations to the PIU Head on progress reports prepared by the DSC, technical issues arisen during works contract implementation, revision to design documents proposed by either Contractors or DSC, changes in contracts due to technical aspects, etc.;
- (iii) Provide advice to the PIU Head on technical-related activities during project implementation such as stone crushing plant purchased under works contracts, set up of PWD laboratory – to be purchased under DSC, piloting of multi-year performance-based maintenance contracts, etc.;
- (iv) Prepare TORs for road asset management activities under Components 1 and 3;
- (v) Coordinate with MIPU-PWD, DSC, Contractors and other relevant entities as required, including undertaking meetings and site visits/inspections with them;
- (vi) Take lead in coordinating among PST members (e.g., with Procurement Specialist in drafting TORs) and prepare consolidated monthly report on PST work progress and performance to send to the PIU Head;
- (vii) Coordinate with other ongoing and planned activities such as the World Bank-executed Implementation of Innovative and Efficient Bridge Technologies, which undertakes an assessment and pilot program to support implementation of two types of innovative bridge construction technologies, and the Road Safety Management Capacity Assessment, which undertakes a national level road safety management capacity assessment;
- (viii) Provide technical on-the-job training to MIPU-PWD and PIU local staff in the areas of road and bridge engineering, construction supervision, technical report writing, etc.;
- (ix) Provide support to the PIU Head in preparing Project Reports as required under Financing Agreement;
- (x) Where appropriate, support the PIU Head to prepare the Borrower's Implementation and Completion Results Report (ICR) from six months prior to the closing date of the project; and
- (xi) Support and participate in the World Bank missions

4. MIPU now invites eligible individuals or consulting firms who can provide a suitable person on an individual basis to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information in the form of a curriculum vitae

demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- At least Bachelor's degree in civil engineering, transport engineering/planning or similar qualification from a recognized institution is a minimum requirement.
  - At least 15 years of working experience in the transport sector (with focus on road and bridge infrastructure).
  - At least 10 years' experience in senior technical position of infrastructure projects, especially projects funded by the World Bank or other international development agencies.
  - At least 3 years of experience in similar projects in developing countries, preferably in the Pacific region or similar countries.
  - Membership of the Professional Affiliations with a recognized institution is a plus.
5. Selection process will be undertaken in line with the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" August 2018("Procurement Regulations") for open competitive selection. The most qualified and experienced respondent to this request for expressions of interest will become the preferred candidate for a negotiated time-based contract.
  6. 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 and August 2018)** ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest
  7. Further information including the complete TOR can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09.00 to 15.30 hours Vanuatu time.
  8. Expressions of interest clearly marked with "**VU-MIPU-5550171-CS-INDV - EOI Consultancy Services for 'Road and Bridge Engineer/PST Coordinator (International)**" must be delivered through email to the address below by **09 July 2020 at 15.30 hours Vanuatu time**

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