

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

COUNTRY: CROATIA

NAME OF PROJECT: Modernization and Restructuring of the Road Sector Project

Loan No.: 8749 - HR

Assignment Title: DEVELOPMENT OF DESIGN DOCUMENTS "LEGAL COMPLIANCE OF GUARDRAILS ON HAC-OPERATED MOTORWAYS

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): B6 - A - QCBS - MARS - 2

Republic of Croatia has signed a loan with the World Bank for financing toward the cost of the "Modernization and Restructuring of the Road Sector Project", and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include services on **DEVELOPMENT OF DESIGN DOCUMENTS "LEGAL COMPLIANCE OF GUARDRAILS ON HAC-OPERATED MOTORWAYS**. Consulting services will include as follows:

The current guard-rail system shall be complied as soon as possible with the relevant regulations. However, considering the comprehensiveness and the costs of the project it is necessary to establish the schedule of compliance. The schedule shall be planned in line with the guardrail system and type of danger regarding the position of protection on the road.

The designer needs to look at all sections of the motorways operated by HAC, analyse the condition of the existing guardrail and suggest ways of protecting the characteristic sections of the motorway with the guardrail depending on the road position and in line with the current regulations, standards and rules of the trade. It is necessary to analyse on which official passages it is necessary to install protective road systems for fast-changing dismantling passes, taking into account the requirements for safety, functionality and operational parameters. Design documents shall be prepared in three phases.

The first and the second phase of the design documents development needs to be safety-audited by the chartered road safety auditor (see Clause 9 of the TOR).

Contract under this ToR will be done for 1 year and 11 months from the contract signing date.

NOTE: The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced consulting services is posted on the website of the Client, at: www.mppi.hr.

Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure (as the Client) now invites eligible consulting firms ("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 (criteria related to required qualifications and experience of the firm, but not individual experts' bio data).

The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Qualifications of the Company

Business entity shall prove its experience in providing equivalent or similar services as in the subject of this procurement.

1.1 General experience

- Business entity has developed at least 1 (one) traffic study or design in the minimum procurement value of HRK 750,000.00 (or 100.000 EUR) in the last 5 years.

The following shall be considered as advantage:

- higher number of developed traffic studies and designs
- experience in the EU member states
- experience in the Republic of Croatia

1.2 Special experience

- Business entity has developed traffic studies and designs (surveys) of guardrails on motorways in the total minimal length of 75 km in the last 5 years.

The following will be considered as advantage:

- higher number of developed traffic studies and designs (surveys)
- experience in the EU member states
- experience in the Republic of Croatia
- developed traffic studies and designs (surveys) in the last 3 years

2. Key personnel qualifications

The minimum number of the required experts for the provision of Service:

- 1 (one) chartered engineer of road traffic engineering or civil engineering (**team leader**)
- 5 (five) engineers BSc in Traffic / MEng (traffic engineering) or BSc / MEng (civil engineering).
- 1 (one) chartered road safety auditor

NOTE: For the proposed graduate engineers that will be included in the performance of the Contract the entity submits a statement that they will be available, and for chartered engineers a certificate about inscription in the Register of the Chartered Engineers of the Competent Chamber of Engineers, and for the road safety auditor the authorisation that is issued by the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's "*Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers*" dated January 2011, revised July 2014" ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per paragraph 1.9 (d) of Consultant Guidelines:

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub - consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The "association" may take the form of a Joint Venture or a sub consultancy. In case of a Joint Venture (JV), all members of the JV will be evaluated jointly for the purpose of short listing and shall be jointly and severally liable for the assignment and shall sign the contract in case of award is made to that JV group. Interested consultants should clearly indicate the structure of their "association" and the duties of the partners and sub consultants in their application. Unclear expression of interests in terms of "in association with" and/or "in affiliation with" and etc. may not be considered for short listing. Keeping one expression of interest per firm as principle, a consultant firm may decide whether it wishes to participate as a sub consultant or as an individual consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. Please note that a firm shall submit only one expression of interests in the same selection process either individually as a consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. No firm can be a sub consultant while submitting an expression of interests individually or as a partner of a joint venture in the same selection process. A firm, if acting in the capacity of sub consultant in any consultant or JV, may participate in more than one consultant, but only in the capacity of a sub consultant.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours Monday to Friday, from 09:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.

1. Delivery of Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by mail) marked as: " Expression for Interest - DEVELOPMENT OF DESIGN DOCUMENTS "LEGAL COMPLIANCE OF GUARDRAILS ON HAC-OPERATED MOTORWAYS" by August 3, 2018 (until 1 pm - following CET) to:

[Name of office]: Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, Room 823 (VIII floor)

[Name of officer and title]: Mr. Ivica Jujnović, Head of Department

[Street address, postal code, city and country]: Prisavlje 14, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia

or by e-mail to the following persons and respective e - mail addresses:

[Email address]: Ivica.Jujnovic@mmpi.hr

Attn: Igor Guja, Procurement Specialist (igor.guja@mmpi.hr)

2. Contact person for inquiries during selection procedure

Contact person during bidding procedure to whom potential Consultants could send their inquiries will be:

Mr. Igor Guja, Procurement Specialist (igor.guja@mmpi.hr)

