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

ALBANIA
BUILDING RESILIENT BRIDGES PROJECT (BRBP)
Project ID No.: P174595
Loan No.: 94790-AL

Assignment Title: Road Safety Audit (RSA) for Designs (*At Three Stages: For Bridge Design, During Construction, and in Operation*)

Reference No. Ref. No: AL-ARA-351527-CS-CQS

The Government of Albania has received a loan in the amount of 51.6 million EUR financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Building Resilient Bridges Project (BRBP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the subject consulting service.

The Albanian Road Authority (ARA) seeks a qualified firm to provide Consulting Service for conducting the Road Safety Audits (RSA) at three essential stages on several priority bridges situated at various locations across the Albanian road network.

The consulting services (“the Services”) will consist of undertaking the following activities:

- **Stage 1: Audit Design Stage:** Evaluate both conceptual and final designs of the bridges to identify potential safety issues early in the process. This includes analyzing design elements such as sight lines, roadway geometry, and pedestrian facilities to ensure they meet safety standards and best practices. The goal is to provide timely feedback that allows designers to make necessary adjustments before finalizing plans, thus preventing costly redesigns later.
- **Stage 2: Audit at the Construction /Pre-opening Stage:** Monitor and assess road safety during the construction phase. This involves reviewing the implementation of Traffic Management Plans (TMPs), ensuring that safety measures are effectively communicated and adhered to by all stakeholders, and evaluating the impact of construction activities on traffic flow and safety. The audit will also focus on identifying hazards that may arise during construction and ensuring that safety protocols are in place to mitigate these risks.
- **Stage 3 Audit: Operational Stage:** Conduct audits 3-6 months after the project has opened to evaluate the safety performance of the bridges in real-world conditions. This stage aims to assess any accidents or near-misses that may have occurred, analyze traffic patterns, and identify infrastructure-related challenges that were not addressed during the design or construction phases. Feedback from this audit will be crucial for ongoing safety enhancements.

The consultancy service for the road safety audit will be conducted intermittently over a period of approximately 3 years offering the approximate level efforts of fifteen (15) man/months for essential staff. The consultant must deliver all required reports or outputs for the Stage 1 described in the TOR within 6 months from the commencement of the assignment. Subsequent stages will be scheduled according to the project's progress, with exact timelines to be determined in accordance with the project's needs and deliverable requirements. The intended



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commencement date is December 2024, subject to the completion of service contract award procedure.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website <https://www.arrsh.gov.al/> (<https://www.arrsh.gov.al/njoftime-brbp>).

The Albanian Road Authority 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.

The Consultant Firm must be able to demonstrate previous experience in similar assignments as follow:

1. The Consultant should be a qualified firm or JV with at least 10 years of international experience with projects similar scale and scope to the services described in the TOR.
2. The consulting firm should have successfully implemented at least 2 similar contracts within the last 5 years.

The shortlisting criteria are:

- Core business and years in business.....(30 Points)
- Past experience in similar assignments.....(60 Points)
- Firms’ organization and staffing.....(10 Points)

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 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 08:00 to 16:30 (Monday to Thursday) and 08:00 to 14:00 on Friday at the address given below.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by mail, or by e-mail by November 6, 2024, at 14:00 hrs. local time.

The address referred to above is:

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