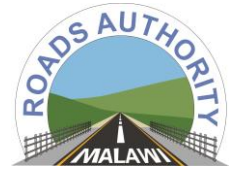




Government of the Republic of Malawi



Roads Authority (Malawi)

SOUTHERN AFRICA TRADE AND CONNECTIVITY PROJECT (P164847)

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

Country: MALAWI

Name of Project: SOUTHERN AFRICA TRADE AND CONNECTIVITY PROJECT (P164847)

Credit No: 6870-MW
Grant No: D804-MW

Assignment Title: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT, AND RESETTLEMENT ACTION PLAN FOR PROPOSED REHABILITATION OF LIWONDE-MATAWALE ROAD, AND REVIEW AND UPDATE THE ESMP FOR REFURBISHMENT OF BLANTYRE INLAND EXAMINATION CENTRE.

Reference No.: MW-RA-420000-CS-QCBS

The Government of Malawi has obtained a credit and grant from the International Development Association (IDA) under the Southern Africa Trade and Connectivity Project (SATCP) to support efforts to reduce trade costs and time, increase access to improved infrastructure, and increase value chain development in targeted corridors of Malawi and Mozambique, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

In line with components one and four of SATCP, the Government of Malawi through the Roads Authority intends to use resources from the World Bank towards the cost of undertaking a Consultancy Services for the Review and Update of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, and Resettlement Action Plan for Proposed Rehabilitation of Liwonde-Matawale Road, and Review and Update the ESMP for Refurbishment of Blantyre Inland Examination Centre for Malawi Revenue Authority.

In line with components four of SATCP, the Government of Malawi through the Roads Authority (RA) intends to rehabilitate Liwonde - Matawale (M003) Road located in the Southern Region of Malawi covering at least 47 kilometres. The improvement of the road will contribute to improvement in the efficiency of traffic and safety measures in the road. The integration of the roads network will help in improving the agricultural activities and social services, reduce travel time and operation costs, which will lead to reduction in travel and transportation costs as well as maintenance costs for the current road section. The preliminary ESIA report and RAP report for Liwonde – Matawale Road were developed.

Under component one, the project shall also refurbish the Blantyre Inland Examination Centre. An IEC is a legally established Customs and border agency examination facility that enables to open, unpack, mark, weigh, unload any container or goods presented for import or export, at a designated location away from the prescribed land borders and airports. The Blantyre Inland Examination Centre is situated in the City of Blantyre at Chirimba Industrial Area off the S137 dual carriageway road.

The Roads 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 shortlisting criteria are:

- 1) Core business of the firm and years in business
- 2) Relevant experience, which should specifically include the following:
 - a) A minimum experience of at least 10 years in developing Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) including complementary ESMPs, and Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) in accordance with national legislation and policies and World Bank’s standards.
 - b) Experience in preparation of specifications, bill of quantities and cost estimates for Environmental, Social, Health and Safety considerations in the bidding document.
 - c) Experience of carrying out Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for donor funded projects (at least 5 proven similar assignment).
 - d) Experience in similar assignment in the Sub-Saharan African region or any other region with similar environment.
- 3) Technical and Managerial capability of the firm (Provide only the structure of the organization, general qualifications. and number of key staff. Do not provide CV of the staff). Key Experts will not be evaluated at the short-listing stage.

Interested consultants should provide only reference that are responding to the shortlisting Criteria.

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" dated September 2023 ("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 Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Terms of Reference (TORs) for the assignment can be downloaded from the following website www.ra.org.mw and further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 07:30 to 12:00 hours and 13:00 to 16:30 hours, local time

Expressions Of Interest Clearly Marked: **"Consultancy Services for the Review and Update of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, and Resettlement Action Plan for Proposed Rehabilitation of Liwonde-Matawale Road, and Review and Update the ESMP for Refurbishment of Blantyre Inland Examination Centre"** must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **16:30 Hours on Thursday, 13th June 2024.**

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