**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

**Republic of Turkey**

**Rail Logistics Improvement Project (RLIP)**

Loan No. 9145-TR

**Assignment Title:**Consulting Services for Impact Assessment of COVID-19 on Multimodal Logistics Sector

**Reference No**.: AYGM-DAN-2020-WB 09

The Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (MoTI) of the Republic of Turkey has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Rail Logistics Improvement Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include support to MoTI to diagnose the medium- and long-term impacts of COVID-19 on multimodal logistics on the demand and supply sides, and design public, public-private, and/or purely private interventions, including interventions aimed to tackle behavioral and occupational aspects of risk prevention, to mitigate these impacts. The duration of services are 5 months and services are expected to be implemented between May 2022 and October 2022, and they will be provided in full consistency with the Terms of Reference referred to in this Request for Expressions of Interest.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the assignment can be accessed via following link: <https://aygm.uab.gov.tr/ihaleler>

The MoTI’s Directorate-General of Infrastructure Investments (DGII) 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. Experience in carrying out survey / analyses / consultancy services in assessment of impact of disasters (especially Covid-19 or other pandemics) on highway / railway / sea / air transportation or survey / policy analyses for intermodal transport solutions in freight sector.
2. Local experience in carrying out technical assistance and capacity building activities in logistics or transportation sectors.
3. Staffing capacity on the requirements given in the ToR.

Please include only most relevant information as per short-listing criteria, Expression of Interest page limit is 60 pages. List only those assignments for which the Consultant was legally contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the joint venture partners. Assignments completed by the Consultant’s individual experts working privately or through other consulting firms cannot be claimed as the relevant experience of the Consultant, or that of the Consultant’s partners or sub-consultants. The Consultant should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so requested by the Client.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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” August 2018 (“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.

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 a single consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. Please note that a firm shall submit only one Expression of Interest in the same selection process either individually as a single consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. No firm can be a sub-consultant while submitting an Expression of Interest 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 CQS method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address/contact information below during office hours 09:00 am to 17:00 hours (Turkey time) in the workdays.

Expressions of interest to be clearly marked “Consulting Services for Impact Assessment of COVID-19 on Multimodal Logistics Sector” must be delivered in a written form (one hard copy and one digital copy) to the address below (in person, or by mail) by March 18th, 2022 till 12:00 hours (Turkey time).

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