This is an update for the extension of submission deadline of the request for expressions of interest published on 09.04.2021.

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

**Republic of Turkey**

**Rail Logistics Improvement Project (RLIP)**

Loan No. 9145-TR

**Assignment Title:**Engineering Design Review, Preparation of Bidding Documents for Civil Works, and Construction Supervision of Last-Mile Rail Connectivity Infrastructure in Turkey’s Çukurova Region and Iskenderun Bay

**Reference No**.: AYGM-DAN-2020-WB 02

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 (i) the review, update, and improvement of the existing engineering design for last-mile rail connectivity to/from selected freight generation-attraction nodes—such as industrial zones and maritime ports—in Turkey’s Çukurova Region, adjacent to Iskenderun Bay; (ii) the preparation of associated bidding documents for civil works; and (iii) the provision of construction supervision consulting services to oversee the execution of the updated engineering design as per the bidding documents. The duration of services are 54 months and services are expected to be implemented between mid-year 2021 and late 2025, 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 downloaded via following link: <https://aygm.uab.gov.tr/uploads/pages/ihaleler/rlip-tor-cukurova.docx>

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. The Consultants should be in the consulting business for not less than the last 12 years prior to deadline for submission of interests;
2. The Consultants should have specific experience within the last 10 years prior to deadline for submission of interests in each of:
* design and/or design review of similar railway construction projects
* construction supervision of railway construction projects;
1. The Consultants should demonstrate availability of and/or access to the key experts for the performance of the services described in the TOR (e.g., by providing a list of key experts they are working with);
2. The Consultants should demonstrate experience in the implementation of projects under FIDIC type of contracts;
3. The Consultants should demonstrate sound administrative and financial capacity.

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 QCBS 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 Design review and Construction Supervision for Branching Lines to the industrial facilities at the Cukurova Region, Yumurtalik Free Zone and the Ports at the Iskenderun Bay” must be delivered in a written form (one hard copy and one digital copy) to the address below (in person, or by mail) by May 27th, 2021 till 15:00 hours (Turkey time).

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