

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Republic of Türkiye

İstanbul North Rail Crossing Project (INRAIL)

Loan No. 9943-TR

Assignment Title: Project Implementation Oversight Consultant (PIOC) for INRAIL

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): AYGM-INRAIL-2025-DAN 03

1. The Republic of Türkiye is expected to receive financing from the World Bank for the implementation of the Istanbul North Rail Crossing Project (“INRAIL” or the “Project”). The Project will be implemented by the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (MoTI). The Project is expected to be financed jointly by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development, the Islamic Development Bank, and the OPEC Fund for International Development (the “Co-Financiers”, and together with the World Bank, the “Financiers”). The MoTI intends to apply part of the proceeds of the financing to the hiring of consulting services to support project implementation.

2. The consulting services (“the Services”) include providing independent project implementation oversight support throughout the full project lifecycle, encompassing to ensure compliance with the Client's and Financiers' requirements: technical verification, quality assurance and risk management. The PIOC, acting as a third-party verification entity with an advisory and oversight mandate, will not issue instructions to contractors or certify payments, as these responsibilities will remain with the Construction Supervision Consultant (“CSC”). The scope of the services covers, inter alia: (i) project progress monitoring, assessing delivery arrangements against the project implementation plan and identifying potential risks of delay; (ii) periodic quality verification, reviewing design, supervision standards, materials, and workmanship; (iii) continuous risk monitoring, including an assessment of key contractual and technical interfaces, and independent review of testing and commissioning to ensure that the infrastructure meets the intended operational performance; and (iv) periodic Environmental, Social, Health and Safety (ESHS) audits to verify compliance with Financiers’ related requirements and applicable Turkish law, including monitoring of labor management, resettlement, occupational health and safety, and grievance redress mechanisms.

3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found on the following website:

<https://aygm.uab.gov.tr/ihaleler>

4. The MoTI 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.

5. A consulting firm is allowed to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) alone if it considers itself to be fully qualified on its own for the assignment, as it is not mandatory for consultants to associate with any other firm(s), whether foreign or local. Alternatively, if consultants themselves choose to associate to enhance their qualifications and capability for the assignment, then such associations may either be in the form of a Joint Venture (i.e. all members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally responsible) and/or with sub-consultants (i.e. the Consultant will be responsible, including for the services of the sub-consultants). In case of an association, the Consultant must explain in the EOI submission (a) the rationale for forming the association and (b) the anticipated role and relevant qualifications of each member of the Joint Venture and/or of each sub-consultant for carrying out the assignment in order to justify the proposed inclusion of the JV members and/or sub-consultants in the association. Failure to provide the above explanation in the EOI may result in the association not being shortlisted for the assignment. Please note that in the evaluation of EOIs of associations for shortlisting purposes, only the qualifications of the JV members will be considered whereas the qualifications of proposed sub-consultants will not be considered.

6. Experience that is specifically relevant to the assignment will be of central importance in the evaluation of the Consultants against the selection criteria. The selection criteria are as follows:

i) General Experience of the Consultant (as a firm) in providing consultant services Transport infrastructure projects :

- The Consultant should have been in the railway engineering consulting business for no less **10 years** prior to deadline for submission of EOIs.

ii) Specific Experience of the Consultant (as a firm) that is relevant to the assignment. This refers to experience in providing similar services under contracts of comparable nature and size. The Consultants (as a firm) should have specific experience providing similar consulting services under contracts completed within the **last 10 years** prior to the deadline for the submission of the EOI. This includes the following:

- Experience in periodic monitoring of the implementation of project activities in its entirety, including design, infrastructure and superstructure civil works, and equipment and systems installation, testing, and commissioning as well as all related interface risk management.
- Experience in audit/review of quality management standards and processes during project implementation, including progress and adequacy of delivery

arrangements, environmental, social, health and safety requirements, risk management assessment, and reporting compliance with the Employer's Requirements; and

- Experience in providing independent project implementation oversight services to lenders under infrastructure projects or programs financed by International Financial Institutions including monitoring and reporting compliance with the conditions and covenants under financing agreements.

7. To demonstrate their qualifications and experience in meeting the above shortlisting criteria, Consultants are requested to submit, at a minimum, the supporting documentation listed below. A consultant firm can only use its own qualifications and experience and not of its parent, sister or subsidiary companies or its employees.

1. The firm's incorporation/trade/registration documents issued by the concerned government authority of the country of the firm.
2. The firm's brochures including its core areas of business; and
3. Completed Form-1 (attached to this Request for Expression of Interest) to provide information on similar contracts. **(A maximum of 15 similar contracts will be taken into consideration as listed and numbered by the Bidders in accordance with attached Form-1).** This should include the name and reference number of the contract, brief description of the scope of work, contract amount, period of the contract, name of the client and country of assignment, and role of the Consultant in the contract. Copies of completion certificates/references of Clients of completed contracts are not required to be submitted with the EoI. In the subsequent stage at the time of submission of proposals, the Client may request the shortlisted consultants to submit such supporting completion certificates. **The information related to the references provided in Form-1 must be completed in full and accurately; otherwise, incomplete or insufficient information will not be taken into consideration.**

8. Interested Consultants should refer to paragraphs 3.16 & 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement in Investment Project Financing (Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services) setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

9. The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

10. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 17:00 hours (Türkiye time).

11. Expressions of Interest must be delivered in written form either (a) as hardcopy plus a USB drive containing electronic copy in searchable PDF format delivered to the physical address below,

or (b) an electronic copy in searchable PDF format delivered via email to the email address below by **May 21, 2026, no later than 14:30 hours (Türkiye time)**.

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Attachment: Form-1 (Similar Contracts- Maximum 15 similar contracts)

Name of Consultant firm: _____ (attach separate form for each firm in case of JV)

Sr. No.	Contract name & Reference No. of contract	Brief Description of scope of work and main deliverables/outputs	Contract value (in US\$ equivalent)/ Amount paid to your firm	Contract Period (start date and completion date)	Name of Client & Country of Assignment	Role in the Assignment
	{e.g., "Improvement quality of.....": designed master plan for rationalization of; }		{e.g., US\$1 mill/US\$0.5 mill}	{e.g., Jan.2009– Apr.2010}	{e.g., Ministry of, country}	{e.g., Lead partner in a JV A&B&C}
	{e.g., "Support to sub-national government....." : drafted secondary level regulations on.....}		{e.g., US\$0.2 mil/US\$0.2 mil}	{e.g., Jan- May 2008}	{e.g., municipality of....., country}	{e.g., sole Consultant}