

GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT, INDIA
ROADS & BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT [R&BD]
Second Gujarat State Highway Project (GSHP-II)
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**Request for Expressions of Interest
Road Sector Knowledge & Capacity Development:
Centers of Excellence, Workshops & Advanced Seminars**

The state Government of Gujarat (GOG) through the Government of India (GOI) has received a Loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), **the World Bank**. This loan is for an amount of US \$175 million towards the cost of the new Second Gujarat State Highway Project (GSHP-II), aimed at further improving the State's major road infrastructure and the institutional capacity for management of the state's roads sector. The GSHP-II will be managed primarily by the GOG-Roads & Buildings Department (R&BD), whose functions, organization and activities are detailed through its website/s, www.gshp2.gov.in and rnbgujarat.org.

The GOG intends to apply a portion of the Loan funding to finance external assistance and inputs required for the implementation of GOG-endorsed **Action Plans** for (respectively) **Institutional Development** (ID) and **Governance & Accountability** (G&A) over the period 2014-2019, to further strengthen the road sector institutional framework and capacities to support Gujarat's ongoing economic development and ongoing demand for road infrastructure quality, capacity and connectivity. The implementation of these two Action Plans will be an integral part of the overall Project strategy.

In this particular instance, it has been decided that the R&BD shall engage consulting services to help it to prepare and implement a range of **Sector Knowledge & Capacity Development** initiatives, from the planning and design stages through (after any necessary R&BD and/or GOG decision-making) to initial operational support.

The overall objective of these **Sector Knowledge & Capacity Development** services is to assist the R&BD in implementing specific new programs, collaboratively with other Gujarat roads sector stakeholders and technical institutes, aimed at achieving sector-wide advances in concepts, knowledge and applied science in road infrastructure planning, design, management and governance, in accordance with the R&BD-centered IDAP.

The assignment will comprise two 'study-based' Tasks as outlined below.

1. Study for collaborative initiation between R&BD and leading Gujarat technical and professional institutes of a **'pilot' program of Seminars and Workshops on technical, management and governance** topics, featuring international-standard sector experts.
2. Study for identification, feasibility, design, operations and governance of two possible R&BD-linked **Centers of Excellence** for the roads sector in Gujarat, which would individually and/or jointly address sector 'thrust areas' such as the following.
 - **Road & Bridge Design & Innovation**, and
 - **Construction Management** (potentially termed an **Academy**)

The Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the R&BD now invites eligible Consultants / Agencies to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the provision of these services. The firms will be short-listed based on the following criteria:

1. Evidence of similar completed or ongoing consulting services rendered.
2. Comparable services rendered to Government (or semi-Government) organizations.
3. Availability of relevant Key Professionals with the firm.
4. References from previous employers / clients for the similar services.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The type of association should be clearly stated in the EOI submission.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the World Bank guidelines: ***Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers*** of January 2011, based on the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) criterion. It is anticipated that requests for proposals will be issued in the month of March 2015.

Interested consultants may obtain further information, if required, at the address given below from 11:00 to 17:30 hours on working days. A draft Terms of Reference (TOR) is available at the website www.gshp2.gov.in.

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Submission of EOI must be in hard form in sealed envelopes, 2 copies (1 original and 1 copy), clearly marked “Expressions of Interest for Road Sector Knowledge & Capacity Development: Centers of Excellence, Workshops & Advanced Seminars” and delivered to the address given below by 16:00 hours (local time) on or before 13/02/2015:

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