

Request for Expressions of Interest

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

India

GUJARAT STATE HIGHWAY PROJECT-II (GSHP-II)

Assignment Title: Roads Sector Policy & Institutional Development: Studies, Planning & Implementation Assistance

The Government of India on behalf of Government of Gujarat (hereinafter called "Borrower") has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Gujarat State Highway Project - II. The Borrower intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services of ("the Services") include :

The GOG intends to apply a portion of the Loan funding to finance various forms of external assistance and inputs to support the implementation of short-to-medium-term GOG-endorsed *Action Plans* for (respectively) *Institutional Development* (ID) and *Governance & Accountability* (G&A) to further strengthen the road sector institutional framework and capacities in response to Gujarat's ongoing economic development and the demand for road infrastructure quality, capacity and connectivity. As an integral part of the overall GSHP-II strategy, these two Action Plans will guide the implementation of all Project-assisted ID and G&A activities over the period 2012-2018.

Some of the external assistance required in that context shall be secured as a consultancy services 'package' for *Road Sector Policy & Institutional Development* assistance to update / reform / strengthen selected elements of Gujarat road sector policy, planning, governance, institutional responsibilities, technical capacity and 'services' capabilities, for sustained enhancements in road infrastructure planning, financing, provision, management and governance. The consultancy services 'package' shall help the GOG and the R&BD achieve this by completing several distinct 'study-based' Tasks.

The consultancy services 'package' shall therefore include technical and drafting assistance 'as required' to the R&BD and/or the GOG in the preparation of Study-based submissions to government for decision-making and in the facilitation of implementation action following such decisions, including in drafting required statutory and/or legislative documents or materials.

Detailed EOI and the Terms of reference (TOR) and the short listing criteria are available On www.gshp2.gov.in.

The Superintending Engineer, On behalf Governor Of Gujarat, Project Implementation Unit, Gujarat State Highway Project -II, 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 attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the above said World Bank's *Guidelines selection and employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers of world bank (January 2011)*, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture (JV) or sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Kindly indicate the type of association clearly in the EOI submission. However JV shall have not more than three members including lead member. No Consultant can submit EOI for this assignment simultaneously as sole Consultant and as a member of any joint venture.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS selection method set out in consultant guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours on working days between 11:00 to 17:00 hours.

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Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below on or before date 01/07/2013 up to 12:00 hours (IST).

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Short Listing Criteria

a. Annual Turn over

1. Annual turnover of any one of the last five financial years i.e. from 2007 -2008 to 2011-2012 updated to the current financial year shall be more than Rs 15 crores. In case of JV, the lead member shall have more than Rs 12 crores of annual turnover (updated) of any one of the last five financial years. This threshold for each other member shall be Rs 6 crores.
2. For arriving at updated value, turnover of any financial year shall be multiplied by the enhancement factor corresponding to that year.

b. Experience

- 1) Must have completed at least one Assignment involving developing afresh/ editing/revising road sector policy for any developing country
 - 2) Must have completed at least one Assignment involving study of and recommending functional/structural/improvement or an institution in developing country
 - 3) Must have completed at least one Assignment involving network planning for any developing country.
- Consultant must have completed at least one each assignment as said above under the projects funded by World Bank or any other international funding agency in any developing country.