

GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT, INDIA
ROADS & BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT [R&BD]
Second Gujarat State Highway Project (GSHP-II)
Project ID: P 114827

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Request for Expressions of Interest
Consultancy Services R&BD Centered Capacity Development (R&BD-CD)

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. Strategic elements of these two Plans will be combined as an *R&BD-centered Capacity Development* program, to be implemented with external Technical Assistance (TA), engaged on the basis of consulting services. The TA/services will comprise the following tasks:

- Comprehensive review and updating of R&BD works Code & Manual
- Enhance R&BD capacity in Road Safety in roads development, operation and maintenance
- Strengthen R&BD capacity in Environment and Social safeguards
- Enhancement of R&BD 'project preparation & implementation' capacity
- Strengthening R&BD works Quality functions and capacity
- Development and initiation of enhanced R&BD medium-term HR strategy
- Updating of R&BD Training policy, planning and delivery capacity
- Initiating R&BD inter-agency 'twinning' and 'staff interchanges'

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. The consultant firm's financial situation including fee income of the last five completed financial years.
4. Availability of relevant Key Professionals with the firm.
5. 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 December 2014.

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 Consultancy Services for R&BD Centered Capacity Development" and delivered to the address given below by 16:00 hours (local time) on or before 25/11/2014:

The firms are requested to kindly take note of how the firms should prepare the REOI and the format the information should be submitted. The details are in EOI on the GSHP website www.gshp2.gov.in.

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