

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
Consultancy Services for Independent Audit of
RAP Implementation for Second Gujarat State Highway Project**

The Government of India on behalf of Government of Gujarat (hereinafter called "Borrower") has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) (hereinafter called "WB") in the form of a ("loan") (hereinafter called "loan") towards the cost of Second Gujarat State Highway Project (GSHP-II). The Borrower intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

Background

The Government of Gujarat (GoG), through the Roads and Buildings Department (R&BD), has taken up the second Gujarat State Highway Project (GSHP-II), covering up- gradation, maintenance and improvement of identified core road network in the state. The GoG has proposed to take up this project with financial assistance from the World Bank. The improvements of 630 km in the project includes: (i) up-gradation corridors for a length of 350 km, involving the strengthening and upgrading of single/intermediate lane roads to standard 2-lane / 2-lane-with-paved-shoulders / 4-lanes, and (ii) major maintenance, of the remaining 280 km. In line with the prioritization exercise, R&BD has selected seventeen sections / corridors, aggregating to about 630 km in length.

Keeping in view the adverse impact the project will have on the people due to the implementation of the project, the Project Implementing Unit (PIU) of R&BD will appropriately resettle and rehabilitate the project affected persons (PAPs) and project affected families (PAFs) in accordance with the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), Indigenous People's (Tribal) Development Plan (IPDP) and HIV / AIDS Prevention Plan (HPP), prepared confirming the world bank (the IBRD)'s operation policies and operational directives and proposed for the purpose. For the implementation of the RAP, the task and activities shall be carried out by the project implementation unit and respective state road project division offices; with necessary assistance from the supervision consultant (CSC); the Independent Engineer (Yet to Deploy) and the Project Management Consultant (PMC).

To monitor the above mentioned tasks, implementation of the RAP in particular, the PIU seeks to appoint an Independent Auditor (herein after called as "IA") having experience in carrying out such activities. The independent auditor (IA) shall associate with the PIU to monitor and audit the implementation of RAP, IPDP and HPP as part of GSHP II (The detailed TOR at this stage is available at www.gshp2.gov.in):

The consulting services ("Services") include:

- The objective of the assignment is to provide the timely information and monitor the RAP implementation activities of the project to enable the management to take corrective measures, wherever necessary; in order to meet the World Bank's requirements.

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 October 2015.

Interested consultants may obtain further information, if required, at the address given below from 11:00 to 17:30 hours on working days. 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 Independent Audit of RAP Implementation for Second Gujarat State Highway Project" and delivered to the address given below by 12:00 hours (local time) on or before 24/09/2015:

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