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 Expression of Interest

Technical Assistance for Road Safety - Policy, Institutional Reviews and Road Safety Management Capacity Strengthening under GSHP-II

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 (WB). This loan is for an amount of US \$175 million towards the cost of the 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, <u>www.gshp2.gov.in</u> and rnbgujarat.org.

The GOG intends to apply a portion of the Loan funding to finance road safety component. The WB with the GoG conducted a Road Safety Management Capacity Review (RSMCR) in order to identify what would be required to establish a robust road safety management system, within the operational framework of the GSHP-II Road Safety component. This was aimed at bringing Gujarat's challenging road safety outcomes under control. Accordingly, it was decided to include following in the project;

- A fully resourced Project Steering Committee (PSC) to lead and manage Safety component of the project;
- Interventions across the agencies/ sectors in targeted high-risk, high-volume demonstration corridor(s)
- Policy reviews of agreed road safety priorities, such as driver standards, heavy commercial vehicle safety, safe infrastructure design, deterrent policing and penalty frameworks, road crash data system improvement and vehicle safety.
- Conduct of a formal review of existing institutional arrangements and recommendation of preferred options for a State Lead Agency role
- Review of a road safety policy and action plan by the GoG by project completion

The overall aim of the services is therefore to enable the R & BD to implement a sustainable combination of institutional arrangements, functions, staffing and other resources - to engage the state's road safety challenges and responsibilities effectively, in a comprehensive, multi-sectorial and strategic manner. The assignment will have to be carried out with absolute harmony and inputs and/or support of various departments of GoG like Transport, Home, R&BD, Education, Health etc. under PIU-R&BD's directions on relevant aspects of the TA.

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. A globally recognized road safety consulting firm with a good understanding of regional road safety issues and experience in executing similar projects in similar contexts. Experience in iRAP related projects is mandatory
- 2. Evidence of similar completed or ongoing consulting services rendered.
- 3. Experience in leading and implementing multi-sector road safety projects internationally and in India. Experience in detailed Road Safety related engineering design and preparation of bidding documents;
- 4. Relevant experience in South Asia region (Indian Experience is an added advantage).
- 5. The consultant firm's financial situation including turnover of the last five completed financial years.
- 6. Availability of relevant Key Professionals with the firm.
- 7. 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 2017.

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-Technical Assistance for Road Safety - Policy, Institutional Reviews and Road Safety Management Capacity Strengthening under GSHP-II" and delivered to the address given below by 12:00 hours (local time) on or before 27/11/2017

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