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PUBLIC ENTERPRISE FOR STATE ROADS

REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ROADS REHABILITATION PROJECT

Loan No.: 8420 - MK

Assignment Title: Technical Assistance for Preparation of Climate Resilience Design Guidelines for the Public Enterprise For State Roads In Macedonia

Reference No. : NRRRP-CS--CQ-7

The Public Enterprise for State Roads of the Republic of Macedonia (PESR) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the National and Regional Roads Rehabilitation Project (NRRRP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

PESR seeks support from an international consultant company to help in developing guidelines on managing climate resilience of road and bridge infrastructure in Macedonia for PESR and provide initial capacity building on incorporating climate resilience measures in PESR's operations. The consultant company will work with the designated staff in PESR throughout the activity. This assignment will be funded by PESR with funds of a WB loan for the National and Regional Roads Rehabilitation Project.

This Consultancy includes three main activities. The first one primarily focuses on developing a climate resilience design guidelines customized for PESR in Macedonia, the second activity is to review the current legislative requirements for PESR to work on landslide reconstruction and propose necessary changes, and the third activity is to provide hands-on capacity building and training to PESR staff and engineers on how to practically apply such guidelines in their daily operations, as well as finalize the guidelines incorporating feedbacks from PESR and the field trips.

The duration of the assignment will be seven (7) months from the start of services.

The Public Enterprise for State Roads 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 minimum composition (essential personnel) of the Consultant team and selection criteria will be:

- an experienced geotechnical engineer (minimum of 15 years relevant experience);
- an engineer specializing in hydrology / hydraulics and design of structures (minimum of 15 years relevant experience);
- an environmental economist (minimum of 10 years relevant experience);
- a Macedonian legal expert to address legal issues in the guideline on obtaining related government permits with land acquisition and etc. that might be encountered when prepare climate mitigation measures (minimum of 10 years relevant experience);
- professional experiences of work with similar nature in the European Union is preferred.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers* published in January 2011 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1.9 Bank policy requires that consultants provide professional, objective, and impartial advice and at all times hold the client's interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and that in providing advice they avoid conflicts with other assignments and their own corporate interests. Consultants shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of being unable to carry out the assignment in the best interest of the Borrower. Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, consultants shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:

- (a) Conflict between consulting activities and procurement of goods, works or non-consulting services(i.e., services other than consulting services covered by these Guidelines¹): A firm that has been engaged by the Borrower to provide goods, works, or non-consulting services for a project, or any affiliate that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that firm, shall be disqualified from providing consulting services resulting from or directly related to those goods, works or non-consulting services. Conversely, a firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation (before Loan effectiveness) or implementation of a project, or any affiliate that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that firm, shall be disqualified from

¹ See paragraph 1.7 of these Guidelines.

subsequently providing goods, works or services (other than consulting services covered by these Guidelines) resulting from or directly related to the consulting services for such preparation or implementation. This provision does not apply to the various firms (consultants, contractors, or suppliers) which together are performing the contractor's obligations under a turnkey or design and build contract.

- (b) Conflict among consulting assignments: Neither consultants (including their personnel and sub-consultants), nor any affiliate that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that firm, shall be hired for any assignment that, by its nature, may be in conflict with another assignment of the consultants. As an example, consultants assisting a client in the privatization of public assets shall neither purchase, nor advise purchasers of, such assets. Similarly, consultants hired to prepare Terms of Reference (TOR) for an assignment shall not be hired for the assignment in question.
- (c) Relationship with Borrower's staff: Consultants (including their experts and other personnel, and sub-consultants) that have a close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Borrower (or of the project implementing agency, or of a recipient of a part of the loan) who are directly or indirectly involved in any part of: (i) the preparation of the TOR for the assignment, (ii) the selection process for the contract, or (iii) the supervision of such contract may not be awarded a contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the Bank throughout the selection process and the execution of the contract.
- (d) A consultant shall submit only one proposal, either individually or as a joint venture partner in another proposal. If a consultant, including a joint venture partner, submits or participates in more than one proposal, all such proposals shall be disqualified. This does not, however, preclude a consulting firm to participate as a sub-consultant, or an individual to participate as a team member, in more than one proposal when circumstances justify and if permitted by the RFP.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualification method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 16:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **March 26, 2018**.

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