

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

**Republic of Armenia  
M6 Vanadzor–Alaverdi–Georgian Border Interstate Road Rehabilitation  
and Improvement Project**

**Assignment Title: Consultant for Social Safeguards Support**

The Government of Armenia requested European Investment Bank (EIB) to co-finance the Proposed M6 Vanadzor–Alaverdi–Georgian Border Interstate Road Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (hereinafter: Project) with the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The RA Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technologies (MOTCIN) is the Executing Agency (EA) and TPIU is the Implementing Agency (IA) for the Program. The project road is about 90 km long. Section 1 (Km0+000–Km38+450) to be financed by EIB (EIB-financed road section); and section 2 (Km38+450–Km91+000) to be financed by ADB (ADB-financed road section). EIB has engaged an international consultant to complete a feasibility study, environment and social impact assessment, and detailed engineering design. Later ADB has engaged a consultant to prepare draft LARPs for both ADB and EIB financed sections. Based on the detailed design 2 Draft LARPs for M6 Vanadzor–Alaverdi–Georgian Border Interstate Road have been prepared in line with the requirements of ADB SPS (2009), EIB’s Statement on Social Standards & Principles and Guidance note on Involuntary Resettlement and RA legislation.

The consulting services (“the Services”) will include the preparation of final LARP with respective surveys, and their implementation for M6 Vanadzor–Alaverdi–Georgian Border Interstate Road only for EIB-financed section (Km0+000–Km38+450).

The Contract is expected to start in **February of 2017** and completed in **December 2017**.

The Transport Project Implementation Unit State Institution of the RA Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technologies (MOTCIN) 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 shortlisting criteria are: General experience of the Consultant (as a firm) relevant to the Assignment, Specific experience of the Consultant (as a firm) relevant to the Assignment.

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 (“Consultant Guidelines” published on January 2011, revised by July 2014), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

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 QCBS method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 17:00 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 **December 26, 2016, at 17.00 Yerevan time**.

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