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

Republic of Armenia Lifeline Network Improvement Project (LRNIP)

Assignment Title: Design of LRNIP Additional Financing Year 2 Roads

The Republic of Armenia (the Borrower) has received a loan in amount US\$ 45.0 million from the World Bank toward the cost of the Lifeline Roads Network Improvement Project (LRNIP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The Borrower requested the World Bank to provide additional financing in amount US\$ 40.0 million to continue the LRNIP.

The consulting services ("the Services") will include:

- (i) Preparation of Detailed Designs (adopting international best practice) for rehabilitation of approximately 59.8 km roads to be rehabilitated under additional financing of the LRNIP in 2017-2018 including Environmental Management Plans (referring to the social aspect of the assignment) and bidding documents;
- (ii) Black spot improvement;
- (iii) Author supervision during construction period.

The contract will consists of two parts-lump-sum (for Design stage) and time-based (for Design author supervision stage).

The commencement of the Services is expected on March 2017 with expected completion on June 2017 for Design stage.

The Transport Project Implementation Unit State Institution of the Ministry of Transport, Communication and Information Technologies of Republic of Armenia 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 in road projects (Participation in IFI funded road projects within the last 10 years), Similar experience of the Consultant in preparation of Detailed Design for road construction/rehabilitation in mountainous areas (number of similar contracts within the last 5 years).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's <u>Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers</u> ("Consultant Guidelines" published on January 2011, revised 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 Yerevan time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 25 January, 2017, 17.00 /local time/

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