

Project name	Bukhara Road Network Improvement Project (Phase I)
Country	Republic of Uzbekistan
Business Sector	Transport
Project ID	P000313-UZB
Funding source	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
Type of contract	Consulting services
Type of notice	Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- Assignment Title:** For consulting services for the development of regulatory documents related to asphalt pavements, and surveying the quality of road construction materials with the compilation of a database and instructions for the operating quarries of the republic of Uzbekistan.
- References:** Sub-component 2d: Consulting services for the development of regulatory documents and updating of design standards

The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan (GOU) has applied for financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to cover the cost of the Bukhara Road Network Improvement Project (BRNIP), Phase I, and intends to use part of the proceeds from this financing to procure consulting services for the development of asphalt pavement regulations and a database on road construction materials.

The Committee on Roads (RC) is the direct management entity of the structures responsible for the construction and maintenance of all roads in Uzbekistan and will be responsible for the management and implementation of the BRNIP

The Executing Agency (EA) of the project is the Autojulinvest Agency - formerly the Republican Road Fund (RRF). For project implementation, a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) was established in the Road Fund.

Within the framework of the A380 road reconstruction project "Guzar-Bukhara-Nukus-Beyneu Highway" on the section 150-228 km (78 km) with the participation of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) it is envisaged to develop normative documents on asphalt concrete pavement (list below) and research work on the study of quarries of the Republic of Uzbekistan with the compilation of a database (catalog) and instructions for the.

The contract period for construction works is 5 years, of which: 2 years for completion of rehabilitation/construction works and 3 years for the defect notification period including maintenance. The Avtoyulinvest Agency under the Committee of Roads of the Republic of Uzbekistan now invites eligible regulatory document consulting firms ("Consultants") to express their interest in providing the Services.

Interested Consultants shall provide information demonstrating that they have the necessary qualifications and relevant experience to provide the Services, e.g. company profile, description of similar assignments (including location/country, name of the Client/Customer, type of services provided, contract duration, contract amount, start and completion dates), personnel involved in previous similar assignments performed to meet the following selection criteria:

- The firm must have successfully completed a minimum of 2 assignments providing regulatory consulting services for road construction projects, as a lead consultant,

completed within the last 5 years (2018-2022). Completed assignments must include the following:

- Consultancy services for the development of regulatory documents for asphalt roads/highways construction/reconstruction projects, including two-level interchanges, based on FIDIC contracts financed by IFI/IDB;

The selection of the consultants for the short list will be conducted in accordance with AIIB's Interim Operational Directives on Procurement Instructions for Recipients (June 2, 2016) ("Procurement Directive" at https://www.aiib.org/en/policies-strategies/_download/operational-directive/policy_operational_directive_procurement-instructions.pdf).

Consultants may choose to associate with other firm in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. In case of an association, the EOI must explicitly specify whether the association is in the form of a Joint Venture (all members jointly and severally liable for the entire assignment), or Sub-consultancy. In case of joint venture, the member firm appointed to represent the joint venture must be clearly identified. Only the qualifications and experience of members of joint venture, but not of sub-consultants, shall be considered in the EOI evaluation process.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the International Open Competitive Selection – Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Directive.

Interested Consultant firms may access Draft Terms of Reference at <https://www.uzavtoyul.uz>.

Expression of Interest shall be within limit of 40 pages and must be submitted electronically in pdf format to the following email address not later than 3 PM Tashkent Time May 6 2024.

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