

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SELECTION # 1257646

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Selection Information

Assignment Title	Transport Sector Investment Study for Zimbabwe
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Language of Notice	English

Selection Notice

Assignment Country	ZW - Zimbabwe
Funding Sources	The World Bank Group intends to finance the assignment/services under: BB - BANK BUDGET
Individual/Firm	The consultant will be a firm.

Assignment Description

SELECTION FOR CONSULTANTS BY THE WORLD BANK GROUP
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Electronic Submissions through World Bank Group eConsultant2
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Assignment Title: ZIMBABWE TRANSPORT SECTOR INVESTMENT STUDY

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The World Bank is committed to helping Zimbabwe by undertaking a Transport Sector Investment Study to assist the Government of Zimbabwe with a pipeline of sustainable and equitable projects that will guide the Governments decision-making process as regards the transport sector. The Banks expectation is that sufficient guidance on transport initiatives will ultimately maximize productivity in other sectors and support activities that will promote resilient growth and revitalize Zimbabwes economy for the benefit of its citizens. The Study will examine investment opportunities and constraints in 3 modes: roads, railways and aviation. Also, to be explored are opportunities in improving urban public transport in Zimbabwe.

1.2 Zimbabwes transport sector is one of the beneficiaries of the Zimbabwe Reconstruction Fund (ZIMREF) a World Bank managed multi-donor Trust Fund. One of the goals of ZIMREF is to create an enabling environment to strengthen public sector core management systems. Zimbabwe, in consultation with the Bank, wishes to apply part of the Fund to carry out a Transport Sector Investment Study. The work described in the TOR is to be executed through a consultancy assignment, supervised by the Bank.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTANCY

The overall objective of the assignment is to assess and prioritize Zimbabwes transport sector investment needs, and to identify and package bankable project level operations in the short to medium term. It will specifically address Zimbabwes strategic needs as a land-locked transit country on one hand; and on the other, examine ways by which transport-spurred economic growth can lead to poverty reduction and employment creation.

The study will review the infrastructure needs for three modes: roads, rail, and aviation, and prioritize possible investments in view of the projected regional and domestic transportation needs. It will also focus on capacity enhancements within the sector as relates to these 3 modes. In addition, needs and investments in urban transport will be considered as part of the study.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

Task 1: Review Zimbabwes portfolio of transport projects for roads, rail and aviation within the past 2 decades and generate a general performance assessment of projects for each mode based on the following indicators:

Strategic selection process

Well-defined project objectives and plan of execution

Successful project implementation i.e. actualizing concept design

Achievement of expected outcomes and anticipated project impacts

Project sustainability

Task 2: Conduct a needs assessment of the 3 modes to identify gaps related to institutional management, operations and inventory of assets. Needs assessment must include consultations with relevant stakeholders such as agency staff, operators, users and NGOs associated with the 3 modes. Assessment must include but not be limited to:

The ability of the three modes to meet present and projected user demand both within Zimbabwe and to a broader extent, SADC

The capacity of the modes to adequately support the socio-economic welfare of Zimbabweans and to provide a given level of satisfaction in day to day activities.

The contribution of these modes to Zimbabwe's competitive advantage (or lack thereof) as a transport hub in Southern Africa

Task 3: Using inputs from Tasks 1 and 2 as well as the Transport Master Plan for Zimbabwe, identify a list of feasible short to medium pipeline projects targeted at both urban and rural settings. Projects should be based on achieving the following core development principles:

Value for money for relevant stakeholders

Ability to enhance productivity and generate resilient economic growth

Good governance

Equity and accessibility

Environmental and social sustainability

Standalone, finite projects could be identified in terms of priority ranking, connectivity type (international, national, urban, rural), size or a combination of all.

Task 4: Based on the list of identified pipeline projects in Task 3, consultants are requested to develop the following:

Possible action strategies and plans to conceptualize and implement each project. This should include estimated timelines, stakeholder responsibilities and engagement; etc. Projects can be listed on a prioritization scale based on significance, readiness; constraints etc.

Potential benefit-cost analyses of each project.

Lessons learned from Task 1 that can safeguard investments in future projects

Internal or external risk profiles for each pipeline project. Examples of such risks could be political, social and environmental (climate change); fiduciary; or could be related to sector or corporate governance, etc.

Task 5: Identify ways by which sustainability of pipeline projects can be guaranteed as relates to areas including but not limited to country ownership of projects;

capacity building opportunities for stakeholders to manage and operate projects

continuous stakeholder input and involvement during all phases of the project cycle

resiliency during natural and man-made hazards

gender and or minority impact studies to assess project impact on diverse groups

asset management initiatives that can be undertaken to ensure projects provide maximum return on investment

cross-sectoral engagement with sister agencies whose portfolio of activities are affected by transport e.g. Ministry of Agriculture;

Ministry of Youth & Employment; Ministry of Local Government; Ministry of Tourism; Ministry of Mines and Mining Development etc.

Task 6: Explore opportunities for local and external partners to be involved in project conceptualization, delivery and implementation. Opportunities can lie within:

collective donor participation and support through engagement with multilateral developmental organizations and NGOs;

regional collaborative transport initiatives e.g. corridor development; border protocols and other SADC treaties

continuous stakeholder input and involvement during all phases of the project cycle

private sector financing and the pre-requisites

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

5.1 The list of key experts for this assignment are: Transport Economist, Transport Engineer or Equivalent, Business Analyst or Equivalent and a Transport Planner. All experts must have excellent ability in spoken and written English.

5.2 The following is the expected qualification and experience of key staff:

5.2.1 Transport Economist or Equivalent Team Leader: The person shall have as a minimum a Masters degree transport economics, or a related field from a recognized institution. The specialist should have a minimum of 20 years of experience in the transport field including 10 years of relevant experience in similar assignments. The candidate must demonstrate a good understanding of transport investments. Relevant experience in developing countries, particularly in Africa shall be an added advantage. The candidate must have at least 2 years of experience as a Team Leader for similar assignments.

5.2.2 Transport Engineer or Equivalent: The candidate shall have as a minimum a university degree in Transport Engineering or an equivalent field, from a recognized institution, with 20 years of experience, including a minimum of 10 years on transport investment projects. Relevant experience in developing countries, particularly in Africa shall be an added advantage. A working knowledge of road, rail and aviation operations will be a requirement.

5.2.3 Business Analyst or Equivalent: The candidate should as a minimum be a business analyst with a minimum of 15 years of experience in transport sector investments. He or she should possess a university degree in business administration or an equivalent field from a recognized institution. Relevant experience in developing countries, particularly in Africa shall be an added advantage.

5.2.4 Transport Planner: The candidate should possess as a minimum a university degree in Transport Planning or an equivalent field from a recognized university. The candidate should have at a minimum 10 years of experience in planning transport sector programs. There should be a track-record showing how these programs have been implemented. Relevant experience in developing countries shall be an added advantage.

5. DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT

This assignment is to be completed in four months, with an estimated commencement date of July 1, 2018.

FUNDING SOURCE

The World Bank Group intends to finance the assignment / services described below under the following:
- BANK BUDGET

INDIVIDUAL / FIRM PROFILE

The consultant will be a firm.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The World Bank Group now invites eligible firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc. for firms; CV and cover letter for individuals). Please note that the total size of all attachments should be less than 5MB. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

Interested firms are hereby invited to submit expressions of interest.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted, in English, electronically through World Bank Group eConsultant2 (<https://wbgeconsult2.worldbank.org/wbgec/index.html>)

NOTES

Following this invitation for Expression of Interest, a shortlist of qualified firms will be formally invited to submit proposals. Shortlisting and selection will be subject to the availability of funding.

Only those firms which have been shortlisted will receive notification.

Attachments

[Optional TOR File](#)

Qualification Criteria

1. Provide information showing that they are qualified in the field of the assignment. *
2. Provide information on the technical and managerial capabilities of the firm. *
3. Provide information on their core business and years in business. *
4. Provide information on the qualifications of key staff. *

* - *Mandatory*

Shortlisted consultants will be invited to respond to a Request for Proposal. Contract awards will be made in accordance with the World Bank Group Procurement Policies and Procedures.