

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

GEORGIA

Financing Source: Government of Georgia

Assignment Title: Preparation of Design and Cost Estimate Documentation for Landscape Restoration/Improvement along the Zestaponi (Argveta)-Samtredia International Highway

Reference No: GOG/CS/QCBS-03

1. The Government of Georgia has allocated the funds from the State Budget to finance the **Preparation of Design and Cost Estimate Documentation for Landscape Restoration/Improvement along the Zestaponi (Argveta)-Samtredia International Highway**.
2. The Project's objective is to conduct a survey to identify locations along the highways suitable for implementing landscape restoration/improvement measures, and subsequently to prepare detailed design and cost estimate documentation for the selected sites. Detailed design and cost estimate documentation shall be prepared for an area of approximately 665 hectares.
3. The consulting services ("the Services") include **Preparation of Design and Cost Estimate Documentation for Landscape Restoration/Improvement along the Zestaponi (Argveta)-Samtredia International Highway**.
4. The primary objectives of the consulting services ("the Services") are as follows:
 - Develop a functional, aesthetically refined, and environmentally sustainable landscape design in full compliance with contemporary international standards.
 - Enhance the visual landscape of the highway surroundings and ensure integration with the ecosystem;
 - Ensure compliance with safety and environmental protection standards;
 - Incorporate measures for noise reduction;
 - Consider slope stabilization;
 - Incorporate windbreak belts (to prevent snow drifts).
 - Consider improvements to drainage systems or the reclamation of swampy areas.
5. The total estimated duration of assignment is 10 months.
6. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following link:
https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/37xr52l69f7lzzpha1pd2/ACnPN01OKLh_0lVnyX028cs?rlkey=3gphkeaubl03mebcq1euwsh3v&st=9fizonuw&dl=0

7. The Roads Department of the Ministry of Infrastructure of Georgia (RDMOI) 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 selection criteria are:

Similar experience	Within the last 10 years, starting from 01.01 2014 up to the deadline for the receipt of EOIs indicated under item 12 below, the applicant must have completed actual services in landscape planning and/or dendrological planning and/or spatial planning and/or preparation of architectural documentation covering landscape planning, with a minimum value of USD 220,000.00.
	The submitted references should be either fully completed (the final payments done) or the taking-over certificates issued. In case of Joint Venture: - single entity: must meet requirement; - all partners combined: must meet requirement*, - each partner: must meet at least 25 % of the requirement (at least 1 similar project, with a minimum value of 25 % of USD 220,000.00 (i.e. USD 55,000.00) equivalent); - one partner: N/A * In the case of JV, the value of contracts completed by its members shall not be aggregated to determine whether the requirement of the minimum value of similar projects has been met. Instead, each contract performed by each member contributing to meeting the requirement shall satisfy the minimum value of a similar project as required for single entity.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage. The Roads Department reserves it's right to verify submitted references and use obtained information for evaluation purposes.

8. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, Sixth Edition, February 2025 (“Procurement Regulations”), 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: The consultant shall not receive any payment in connection with the assignment except as provided in the contract. The consultant and its affiliates shall not engage in consulting or other activities that conflict with the interest of the Employer under the contract.

9. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. The experience of sub-consultants will not be taken into account while evaluating the corporate experience of the company. Experience in the projects relevant to the assignment should be submitted in the form uploaded together with the Terms of Reference.
10. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method** set out in the Procurement Regulations.
11. Further information can be obtained at the address: info@georoad.ge
12. Expressions of Interest accompanied by relevant information mentioned above must be submitted either as a hard copy or electronically to the address below not later than **September 16, 2025, 18:00 local time**. The electronic copy of Expressions of Interest shall be also attached to the hard copy (with USB/CD/DVD, etc).
13. The Roads Department of the Ministry of Infrastructure of Georgia
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