

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Date: May 13, 2025

Country: **Republic of Uzbekistan**

Loan No.: **L0313A**

Project: **Bukhara Road Network Improvement Project, Phase 2**

M37 National Highway Rehabilitation Project

Assignment Title: **Consulting Services for Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Paris Alignment and Climate Finance Assessment**

Package No.: BRNIP2/QCBS/01.

The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan is planning to undertake Bukhara Road Network Improvement Project (BRNIP), Phase 2, M37 National Highway Rehabilitation Project and is seeking finances from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for this purpose. The Road Committee (RC) is the line authority for all motor vehicle roads in Uzbekistan and will be responsible for the management and implementation of the BRNIP Phase 2. The AIIB has made available a Loan for project preparation in accordance with the General Procurement Notice issued on September 27, 2019. The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan intends to apply part of the proceeds of the Loan for consulting services for Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and Paris Alignment and Climate Finance Assessment.

The objectives of the assignments are 2-fold:

Part 1: Preparation of an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment: An ESIA report will be developed under this assignment, accompanying with an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) in line with AIIB's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) requirements. The assignment shall also identify the possible resettlement and loss of livelihood issues that project and associated activities are likely to generate. A Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) must be prepared to identify affected people and communities, and assess the extent of resettlement and compensation required. Therefore, the RAP implies the necessity for a detailed assessment, a compensation plan, livelihood restoration measures, consultations and a robust grievance redress mechanism.

Part 2. Carry out the Paris Alignment and Climate Finance Assessment: Consultant will work closely with the AIIB Project Team (PT) to carry out the Paris Alignment and Climate finance assessment of the different project components included in the project following AIIB's methodology.

Consulting services will include, but not be limited to, the following:

Preparation of an ESIA, Review of the Country's Legal Framework and AIIB ESF, Screening and Scoping, Environmental and Socioeconomic Baseline Analysis, Impact Assessment and Mitigation Measures, Stakeholder Consultations and Disclosure, Preparation of an ESMP, Preparation of a RAP, Development of a Gender Action Plan, Development of a SEP.

The Consultant shall carry out a comprehensive assessment to ensure the Project's alignment with the mitigation and adaptation goals of the Paris Agreement, as well as its potential qualification for climate finance.

The consulting company will be selected based Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS), including a complete technical and financial proposal, according to the AIIB Procurement Policy and Procurement Instructions for Recipients (July 2024). It is expected that the contract would be awarded in the 3rd quarter of 2025 and completed within five (5) months from the award date.

The “Avtoynulinvest” Agency under the Committee for Roads of the Republic of Uzbekistan as the Implementing Agency now invites competent consulting firms and organizations which meet the requirements below, to submit an Expression of Interest. Interested consultants shall provide comprehensive information, including a brochure (company profile, relevant contract information including contract period, amount, total project value, percent of participation, date of start and completion, etc.) reflecting their qualifications in environmental and social impact assessment, including resettlement planning in the transport (roads) sector projects and climate finance assessment.

The consulting company will be selected in accordance with the AIIB Procurement Policy and Procurement Instructions for Recipients (July 2024) procedures. Shortlisting criteria include:

1. Experience in ESIA:

- Minimum of 8 years of experience in preparing Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) reports, Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs), and Stakeholder Engagement Plans (SEPs) in line with International Financial Institution (IFI) requirements.
- Provide a brief summary of at least 3 completed assignments, including project scope, client details, and key outcomes.

2. Experience in Resettlement Action Plans (RAP):

- Minimum of 5 years of experience in preparing Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) in accordance with IFI requirements.
- Provide a brief summary of at least 3 completed RAP assignments, including project scope, client details, and key outcomes.

3. Experience in Paris Alignment and Climate Finance Assessments:

- Minimum of 2 years of experience in conducting Paris Alignment assessments and Climate Finance assessments in line with IFI requirements.
- Provide a brief summary of at least 1 completed assignments, including project scope, client details, and key outcomes.

4. Experience in Transport (Roads) Projects:

- Demonstrated experience as a consultant in at least 3 projects in the transport sector, specifically related to road construction or rehabilitation.
- Provide a brief summary of at least 3 relevant transport sector projects, including project scope, client details, and key outcomes.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture to enhance their qualifications. In case of a Joint Venture (JV), all members of the JV will be evaluated separately for the purpose of short listing and shall be jointly and severally liable for the assignment and shall sign the contract in case of award is made to that JV group.

Interested consultants should clearly indicate the structure of their “association” and the duties of the partners and sub consultants in their application. Unclear expression of interests in terms of “in association with” and/or “in affiliation with” etc. may not be considered for short listing. Keeping one expression of interest per firm as principle, a consultant firm may decide whether it wishes to participate as a sub consultant or as an individual consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. Please note that a firm shall submit only one EOI in the same selection process either individually as a consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. No firm can be a sub consultant while submitting an EOI individually or as a partner of a joint venture in the same selection process. A firm, if acting in the capacity of sub consultant in any consultant or JV, may participate in more than one consultant, but only in the capacity of a sub consultant. The experience of sub consultant will not be considered while short-listing.

Expression of Interest must be delivered in hard copy (with an electronic copy enclosed on portable drive) before 16:00 on May 28, 2025 (Tashkent time) to the address below. Late submissions are not accepted. Submission of information should be in English language. Email submissions will NOT be accepted.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 9:00 to 17:00 hours Tashkent time.

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