

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

Country: People's Republic of China

Project: MCDF Financed Procurement to Support the Preparation of the Proposed AIIB Financed China-ASEAN Sea-Rail Multimodal Logistics Project

MCDF's Project No.: S000658

Contract/Assignment Title: Climate Assessment and Green and Smart Logistics Park Planning and Design

REOI Reference No: CS-02

Client: Qinzhou Huangma Asset Management Group Co., Ltd.

The Qinzhou Huangma Asset Management Group Co., Ltd. has applied for financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB or the Bank) toward the cost of China-ASEAN Sea-Rail Multimodal Logistics Project. In order to enhance the preparation of the mentioned project, a Grant from the Multilateral Cooperation Center for Development Finance (MCDF) has been approved to the Client, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds for the consulting services for which this REOI is issued.

The Client is looking for an internationally recognized high-quality consultant (referred as “Consultant”) to carry out climate assessments, planning and design work for the Project. The Consultant shall conduct climate mitigation (decarbonization) assessment, climate adaptation assessment (climate risk assessment), the Paris Agreement alignment assessment, and climate finance assessment. In addition, the Consultant shall develop a comprehensive plan and design for a green and smart logistics park that leverages sustainable practices and advanced technologies to optimize the logistics park’s construction and operations. The climate assessments shall be conducted per AIIB and Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) standards and provide inputs to plan and design the green and smart logistics park. The planning and design work is essentially to develop a comprehensive, detailed Concept Plan for the Project that features green, resilience, and smart themes and can effectively guide the Preliminary / Schematic Design in the next phase.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the following five interrelated tasks: Task 1: Climate Mitigation (Decarbonization) Assessment; Task 2: Climate Adaptation Assessment (Climate Risk Assessment or CRA); Task 3: Benchmark Study of Green and Smart Logistics Parks; Task 4: Green and Resilient Logistics Park Planning and Design and Task 5: Smart Logistics Park Planning and Design. The suggested composition of the core team includes Project Manager, Senior Climate Mitigation Specialist, Senior Climate Adaptation Specialist, Architect, Structural Engineer and Structural Design Director, Electrical Engineer and Electrical Design Director, Plumbing Engineer and Plumbing Design Director, HVAC Engineer and HVAC Design Director, Sustainable Development Consultant and Sustainable consulting and design, Intelligent Engineer and Intelligent system consulting and design. The expected staff input is 46 person-months. The Consultant may propose additional experts in the Technical Proposal as may be needed to fulfil the assignment. The Consultant shall complete the Scope of Services described above within six (6) months.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment is attached to this Request for Expressions of Interest.

The client now invites eligible Consultant 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 Consultant is expected to: (1) be a firm or a consortium of them, with appropriate and sufficient capabilities, resources, and experience to execute the full extent of the Scope of Services to a very high quality; (2) have demonstrated experience in (a) climate mitigation assessment, (b) climate adaptation assessment, and (c) Paris Agreement Alignment assessment in the context of infrastructure projects. Experience in climate assessment for freight transport infrastructure including logistics parks is a plus; (3) have a proven record of completing at least three similar assignments successfully in the past five years; (4) bring a good mix of relevant international and national expertise - international consultants are encouraged to team up with local Chinese consulting firms/think tanks/academic institutions, if it enhances the team's qualifications and expertise; and (5) formulate a dedicated project team with the relevant qualifications, work experience, communication skills (English and Chinese), and project management skills. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section II of the Bank's Procurement Instructions for Recipients (PIR), setting forth the Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection method based on International Open Competitive Selection procedure set out in the PIR (https://www.aiib.org/en/policies-strategies/_download/operational-directive/policy_operational_directive_procurement-instructions.pdf).

The EOI shall include but not limited to: (1) documentation of the consultant's response to the qualification requirements; (2) consultant's name and business license, contact person and their details (such as address, telephone number, e-mail address, etc.); (3) introduction or brochure of the consultant; (4) description of the organization, personnel and facilities; (5) other necessary documents considered by consultant to reflect the ability and competitiveness to complete the assignment.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 9:00 to 17:00 (Beijing Time) on working day. In order to help the consultant better understand this assignment and clarify the problems encountered, the client will hold a pre-EOI conference on May 8, 2024, from 10:00 to 12:00 (Beijing Time). The consultant can send the list of questions in advance or ask on-site. Please contact the tendering agency for a link if participate in the conference. Participate in the conference or not is not a criterion for evaluating the quality of the EOI, and consultants can make a decision independently.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the tendering agency via E-mail below before 18:00 (Beijing Time) on May 29, 2024. Late expressions of interest will not be considered.

The format of the EOI: a stamped & signed PDF document and an editable word document.

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