General Procurement Notice (GPN)

Country: The Republic of Tajikistan

Project: Obigarm - Nurobod Road Project - Long Bridge and Approach Roads

Project No.: P000309

Project Implementing Agency/Entity: The Ministry of Transport through its Project Implementation Unit for Road Rehabilitation.

- 1. The Government of Tajikistan intends to apply for financing in the amount of US\$75,500,000 equivalent from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB or the Bank) toward the cost of the Obigarm Nurobod Road Project Long Bridge and Approach Roads, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project. This project will be jointly financed by the Government of Tajikistan.
- 2. The project will include the following components:
 - **Component 1: Construction of the Long Bridge and Its Approaches.** This is the major component of the Project which includes the following sub-components:
 - **Sub-component 1a:** <u>Design, Build and Maintain Civil works under FIDIC</u> <u>Conditions of Contract for Plant and Design Build (Yellow Book 2017, 2nd</u> <u>Edition) for construction of a permanent long bridge and its road approaches.</u>
 - **Sub-component 1b:** <u>Construction supervision consultancy for the works</u> <u>contract</u>. This sub-component will finance the role of Engineer according to the FIDIC Yellow Book 2017 (2nd Edition), to supervise and administer the civil works contract, as well as monitor the contractor's compliance with environmental, social, health and safety requirements.
 - **Component 2: Project Implementation Capacity Strengthening.** This component aims to enhance the capacity of the PIURR by furnishing it with necessary resources to timely deliver this complex Project in a quality manner. Under this component, the following activities are proposed to be included:
 - **Sub-component 2a:** <u>Project implementation support</u>, which will be achieved through hiring experienced individual consultants with expertise in procurement & contract management, bridge engineering, project management, financial management, and E&S (including external E&S audit if needed).
 - **Sub-component 2b**: <u>Goods for operational expenses related to project</u> <u>implementation.</u>
 - **Component 3: Economic Empowerment for Women.** This component will (i) conduct a scoping study and skills needs assessment to identify potential business and livelihood opportunities for women living in the project-affected area; (ii) develop a women's entrepreneurship program, based on the skills needs assessment,

and included possible list of participants and selection criteria; (iii) work together with Asian Development Bank (ADB) and with the National Committee of Women and Family Affairs, and local authorities on allocation of grants to support women entrepreneurs.

- 3. Procurement of contracts financed by the Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the Bank's Procurement Instructions for Recipients (PIR), and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the PIR. After project/loan negotiations, the Bank shall arrange the publication on its external website of the agreed initial procurement plan and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection.
- 4. Specific Procurement Notices/Request for Expression of Interests for contracts subject to International Open Competitive Procurement will be announced, as they become available, in UNDB online, on the Bank's external website and MoT's website https://mintrans.tj/.
- 5. Prequalification of suppliers and contractors will be required for the following contracts:
 - a. Design, Build and Maintain Civil Works for Permanent High-level Long Bridge about 920 m long including the road approach works is 1.5 kilometers.
- 6. Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above-mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the project implementing agency/entity at the address below.

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