## **Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)**

## (Consulting Services – Selection of Individual Consultant)

Country: Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

**Project:** PPSF Financed Procurement to Support the Preparation of the Proposed AIIB-Financed Reconstruction of National Highway N-5 under Pakistan's Resilient Recovery, Rehabilitation and

Reconstruction Framework Project

Project No.: S000673

**Contract/Assignment Title:** *International Environmental Consultant (Individual)* 

**REOI Reference No:** CS01

**Client:** National Highway Authority (Ministry of Communications) -GOP

- 1. Islamic Republic of Pakistan has applied for financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) toward the cost of the PPSF Financed Procurement to Support the Preparation of the Proposed AIIB-Financed Reconstruction of National Highway N-5 under Pakistan's Resilient Recovery, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Framework Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the consulting services for which this REOI is issued.
- 2. The consulting services ("the Services") include consultancy services for hiring of International Environmental Consultant to enhance the environmental aspect of the E&S capabilities of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the NHA, guide and supervise the PIU and the NESPAK team in carrying out the environmental aspect of E&S assessments and studies, review and improve the environmental aspect of E&S instruments prepared by NESPAK to ensure full compliance with AIIB's ESF, national and local laws, and frequently communicate with AIIB about the progress and quality of the environmental aspect of E&S assessments. The initial contract will cover a total of sixty (60) working days, either continuous or intermittent, with the possibility of extension if deemed necessary during implementation. The consultant will work with the NHA as per agreement to carry out the tasks outlined in the TOR.
- 3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this Request for Expressions of Interest.
- 4. The *National Highway Authority* now invites eligible Individual Consultant ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide their latest CV with information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

The Consultant should hold a Master's degree in environmental studies, environmental management, or a related field. They must have at least ten (10) years

of relevant experience in environmental impact assessment and mitigation, including a minimum of five (5) years of international experience in transport sector investment projects, particularly road or highway projects in developing countries. Experience with similar assignments, especially Category A projects (those have significant adverse environmental and social impacts that are irreversible, cumulative, diverse or unprecedented, per AIIB ESF) is highly preferred. The ideal candidate will also have experience working on projects financed by Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and be familiar with the AIIB's operational procedures for investment lending, especially its Environmental and Social (E&S) policies. Terms of Reference (TOR) can be downloaded from NHA website www.nha.gov.pk.

- 5. 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.
- 6. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultant (OCS-IC)* method set out in the PIR.
- 7. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0830 to 1630 hours].
- 8. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **2<sup>nd</sup> December**, **2024**.

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