## **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 Social Development Consultant (Individual)* 

**REOI Reference No:** CS02

**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 Social Development Consultant to enhance the social development 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 social development aspect of E&S assessments and studies, review and improve the social development 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 social 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 have a master's degree in social development or similar fields. He/she shall have at least ten (10) years of relevant work experience in social impact assessment and resettlement planning and a minimum of five (5) years of international working experience in investment projects of relevant sectors

particularly road/highway projects in developing countries. Experience in Pakistan is desired. Experience in 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 Consultant should have experience working on projects financed by Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and familiar with AIIB's operations procedures for investment lending especially its E&S policies. Terms of Reference (TOR) can be downloaded from NHA website <a href="https://www.nha.gov.pk">www.nha.gov.pk</a>.

- 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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