

**Country:** *The Republic of Azerbaijan*

**Project:** *Baku Metro Expansion Project (Phase 1)*

**Project No.:** *P000969*

**Assignment title:** *Request for Expression of Interest for Consulting Services for Design Review and Supervision of Completion of Construction of Darnagul and Khojasan Electric Depots and Installation of Equipment.*

**Reference No:** *BMEP/P1/CS-02*

The Republic of Azerbaijan intends to apply for financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank ("the Bank") toward the cost of the Baku Metro Expansion Project (Phase 1), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for the following consulting services: Consulting Services for Design Review and Supervision of Completion of Construction of Darnagul and Khojasan Electric Depots and Installation of Equipment.

The consulting services ("the Services") are expected to assist "Baku Metropolitan" Closed Joint Stock Company (" the Client") in design review and supervision of construction of the two metro depots, enhancement of existing stations on the Green Line, as well as supply and installation of equipment are completed in a timely, cost-effective, and quality-driven manner, adhering to the provisions of the relevant contracts, and the regulatory legal framework of the Republic of Azerbaijan and technical specifications of the design and contract. The intended Commencement date is third quarter of 2026 (September 2026). The duration of the Services shall be forty-eight (48) months, including twenty-four (24) months defects notification period, from the commencement date of the Services. The total estimated inputs for the assignment will be 498 person months for key experts (118 person months) and non-key experts (332 person months) and technical support staff (48 person months). The Client shall shortlist not more than 6 consultants for the assignment.

The detailed Terms of Reference contains all information about the assignment and responsibilities thereto. All interested companies can download the Terms of Reference by clicking on the link below: <https://app.box.com/s/2qeot03omi3mgr9qf2v2m4v7xobi16am>

The Client now invites interested eligible firms ("Consultants") to submit Expression of Interest in providing the Services. Interested eligible Consultants should provide information including a brochure (company profile, project information, contract duration, amount, total project cost, percentage of participation, start and end dates) reflecting their qualifications demonstrating that they have the required minimum qualifications and experience to perform the Services. The shortlist selection criteria for required minimum qualifications and experience shall be:

- 1) The Candidate must be an eligible legally established consulting firm or a Joint Venture (JV)/consortium of such firms. A joint venture/consortium may be a permanent, legally established grouping or a grouping which has been constituted informally for this specific tender procedure. All partners of a joint venture/consortium (i.e., the leader and all other partners) are jointly and severally liable to the Client. No more than one application can be submitted by a legal person whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or partner of a joint venture/consortium submitting an Expression of Interest). In the event that a legal person submits more than one application, all applications in which that legal person has participated will be excluded;
- 2) The annual turnover (if the candidate is an individual company) or the average annual turnover (if the candidate is a JV/consortium) of the candidate must be of at least USD 10 000 000

equivalent for each of the last three years (2024, 2023 and 2022) for which accounts have been closed. Note to candidates: In the application form, please make sure to include the actual year for which the data is provided;

- 3) The Candidate (individual company or JV/Consortium altogether) has implemented, during the last 7 years (from January 2018 up to the deadline for the receipt of applications), at least one (1) construction supervision contract with a minimum value of USD 4 000 000 equivalent, with activities similar to those of the scope of work, i.e. FIDIC construction supervision of Multilateral Development Banks-financed railway or metro systems works contracts, covering design review and monitoring and reporting on project progress, and should demonstrate that it had a participation of minimum 50% of the contract brought as reference;
- 4) The Candidate (individual company or JV/Consortium altogether) has implemented, during the last 7 years (from January 2018 up to the deadline for the receipt of applications), at least one (1) consulting services contract of a minimum value of USD 1 000 000 equivalent, to project beneficiary/employer covering support in the monitoring and reporting on MDBs-financed transport infrastructure project, including compliance support with MDBs Environmental and Social safeguards, and should demonstrate that it had a participation of minimum 50% of the contract brought as reference;
- 5) Note to candidates: The contracts referenced above (criteria 3 and 4) may have started before but shall be completed or substantially completed (either a Final Certificate or the Taking-Over Certificate, or both were issued, or 80% of the contract value has been invoiced) within the last 7 (seven) years prior to the deadline of submission of the Expression of Interest (Contract Ref # BMEP/P1/CS-02). The Taking-Over Certificate, the Final Certificate (or both), or any other documentary evidence will be submitted within the Expression of Interest of the Candidates;
- 6) A single contract can be used to cover one or more shortlisting criteria. If more than 6 eligible candidates meet all the above selection criteria, the relative strengths and weaknesses of the applications of these candidates will be reexamined to identify the six best applications for the tender procedure. The only factors which will be taken into consideration during this re-examination are, in order of precedence: 1) The number of contracts brought as reference which comply with any of the requirements (criteria 3 and 4). 2) The cumulated value of contracts brought as reference which comply with any of the requirements (criteria 3 and 4).

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to Section II of the Bank's Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipients (PIR, July 26, 2024), 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 or consortium and/or sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture or consortium, all the partners in the joint venture or consortium shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Interested consultants should clearly indicate the structure of their association and the responsibilities of partners and sub-consultants in their proposal.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost based Selection (QCBS) method** as specified in the Bank's Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipients (PIR) dated July 26, 2024.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours: from 08.30 to 16.30 Baku, Azerbaijan time.

Expressions of Interest, together with information on your qualifications and relevant experience, must be delivered in a written form to the address below (by e-mail, mail or in person) on or before by **16:00 Baku time on April 27, 2026**.

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