

## Early Market Engagement Notice (EME)

**Country:** Republic of Uzbekistan

**Employer:** “Avtoyulinvest” Agency under the Committee for Roads under the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Uzbekistan

**Project:** Karakalpakstan and Khorezm Local Roads Network Reconstruction Project

**Procurement Package:** Provide Geospatial Information System (GIS) Platform to Support Project Management For the Karakalpakstan and Khorezm local roads project.

The Republic of Uzbekistan has received financing from the **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** toward the cost of the **Karakalpakstan and Khorezm Local Roads Reconstruction Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds to consulting services for the development and implementation of a Geographic Information System (GIS) Platform.

The procurement of these consulting services will be conducted in accordance with the **AIIB Procurement Policy and Instructions for Recipients**, using the **Quality- and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)** method.

In accordance with the AIIB Procurement Policy, **Avtoyulinvest Agency under the Committee for Roads of the Republic of Uzbekistan** (the "Client") is conducting an **Early Market Engagement (EME)** to engage with potential consulting firms and obtain market feedback prior to launching the procurement process.

The feedback received will help inform the final procurement approach, including the Terms of Reference, commercial arrangements and other aspects of the procurement documentation, prior to commencement of the formal procurement process.

In this regard, the Client plans to hold a **Market Engagement Workshop**, to be held in a hybrid format on:

**Date:** 3 August 2026

**Time:** 3:00–5:00 PM (Tashkent Time, UTC+5)

**Format:** via Zoom

The objectives of the EME are to:

- Inform the consulting market about the upcoming procurement and the proposed procurement approach;
- Present the preliminary scope of services, thematic modules and expected project outputs;
- Understand market capacity, available technologies and implementation approaches;
- Receive feedback on the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) before it is finalized;

- Assess the feasibility of the proposed scope, thematic modules and implementation approach within the available budget, and identify opportunities to improve value for money;
- Obtain comments on the proposed implementation schedule, staffing requirements, qualification criteria and commercial arrangements;
- Understand supplier appetite to participate in the procurement and identify any barriers to participation;
- Identify potential risks, innovative solutions and market insights that may improve the effectiveness of the GIS Platform and help shape the final procurement documentation.

### **Draft Terms of Reference**

The draft ToR for the proposed assignment is now available for review. Interested consulting firms are encouraged to review the draft ToR in advance of the Workshop to support informed discussion and the provision of practical feedback. The draft ToR can be accessed at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LZo9Ict7tkRpYim7hrd1g3dl4QAJx7uZ/edit?usp=sharing&oid=105272722588660020954&rtpof=true&sd=true>

### **Interested consulting firms are encouraged to participate in the EME to:**

- gain an early understanding of the proposed GIS Platform assignment, procurement approach and anticipated procurement timetable;
- review the draft Terms of Reference and provide practical comments before it is finalized;
- share market experience, technical knowledge and innovative approaches for the design, development and implementation of the GIS Platform;
- provide feedback on the proposed implementation schedule, staffing requirements, qualification criteria and contractual arrangements;
- help assess the feasibility of the proposed procurement approach and identify opportunities to improve value for money; and
- contribute to the development of a well-structured procurement process that encourages broad market participation and successful project delivery.

### **Participation:**

Interested consulting firms are invited to participate **online via Zoom videoconference**.

To attend the EME, participants are requested to register in advance using the link below. Upon successful registration, participants will receive the meeting access details automatically.

### **Zoom Meeting Details**

- **Meeting Link:** <https://AIIB.zoom.us/j/98108068850?jst=1>
- **Registration Link:** [https://AIIB.zoom.us/meeting/register/\\_ky4vscXSimp27tz0DKt7Q](https://AIIB.zoom.us/meeting/register/_ky4vscXSimp27tz0DKt7Q)

Please note that participation in this EME **does not constitute participation in the future procurement process and does not provide any competitive advantage**. All information shared during the EME, including responses to questions and clarifications, will subsequently be made publicly available to ensure transparency and equal treatment of all potential consultants.