

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Republic of Lebanon
Council for Development and Reconstruction

Contract Title: Consultancy Services for the Preparation of a Feasibility Study for the Beirut – Bekaa Transport Link

The Government of Lebanon is committed to the improvement of the national transport system. The Law No. 174/2020 authorizes the Government to establish a new Transport Link “the Beirut - Bekaa Tunnel and Road” (the Project) based on the BOT scheme, in partnership with private and industrial investors, through which the Government (mainly MPWT as potential Contracting Authority - CA) will ensure that the project is delivered after the investors recover their expenses and profits within the project’s lifetime.

The strategic objectives of this main Transport Link, which would generate favourable economic, social and political prospects for Lebanon and the region, include:

1. Connecting the Port of Beirut and the capital with the Bekaa Valley for opportunities of integration and complementarities within the national territory.
2. Being a segment of a regional network for enhancing international trade.
3. Contributing to a balanced development by providing job opportunities, facilitating education, and promoting rural development.
4. Revitalizing the areas through which the tunnel and its affiliated highways / railway facilities will pass.
5. Improving road safety conditions and facilitating passengers' access.

The Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR), acting as executing agency on behalf of the Government of Lebanon, and in response to the request of the Cabinet of Ministers' COM Decision No. 34/2024 dated February 28, 2024, is entitled to develop a Feasibility Study (the Consultancy Services) for the new Transport Link “the Beirut - Bekaa Tunnel and Road” project.

The main objective of the Services is to develop an integrated and comprehensive feasibility study of the technical, economic, and environmental aspects of the Beirut – Bekaa transport land links, the deliverables should mainly cover:

- An analysis of the potential demand for freight and passengers.
- The identification of suitable technical alternatives.
- An assessment of economic impacts.
- The evaluation of environmental, social and spatial constraints.
- An appraisal of the national and regional dimensions.
- The exploration of funding options and institutional frameworks.

The Consultancy Services' scope is detailed in the enclosed terms of reference and the time for completion of the services is **10 months** from Contract Notification Date.

The CDR invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Consultancy Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Consultancy Services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.), in a responsive way to the below noted requirements.

The assignment is open for any legal organization (Firm or Company) with qualifications in providing services, with similar complexity, related to the transportation market including feasibility studies, concept design, engineering design, contract documents, the supervision of construction, and maintenance planning...

Consultancy firms wishing to be considered for the Consultancy Services described herein should have the following qualifications as a minimum:

- Economic and financial standing: Annual average turnover for the last 10 years must exceed USD 2 million; In case of JV, the lead member shall meet this criterion.
- Professional capacity: A minimum of 40% of the staff proposed by the consultant for this project are permanent employees of the consultant; In case of JV, both members can combined meet this criterion.
- Technical capacity 1: Consultant has been working on projects in fields related to the Contract (i.e. Transportation) in the past 10 years. In case of JV, each member shall meet this criterion.
- Technical capacity 2: Consultant has been working on technical and financial feasibility studies in the transportation field in the past 10 years. In case of JV, the lead member shall meet this criterion.

Consultants may associate with another firm in the form of a "Joint Venture" to enhance their qualifications, name and nationality of the partner in charge shall be specified. The total number of firms (JV) should be maximum two (2). All members (maximum two) should have well defined inputs to the assignment, and shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire consultant's obligations under the contract.

Interested consultants are requested to provide the following information, **in a binder, and in the same order as listed below**, and shall use and fill-in the **attached Consultant Information Form**, and submit it in one hard copy and one editable (Excel or Word format) soft copy in:

- A duly completed Cover Letter stating the interest of the applicant in providing the mentioned services.
- A concise presentation of the firm(s) (brochures, statements of type, property and key tasks etc.).
- Certified statement of financial capacity, for the lead and associated partners (turnovers and balance sheets of the last ten years).
- List of maximum ten (10) relevant similar projects as defined herein, ongoing and/or completed within the last 10 years, indicating the provided services, the percentage of participation in JV (if any), and the size/value of relevant contracts (in USD and in person-month).
- Detailed descriptions of two (2) handled similar projects as defined herein, **within the last ten (10) years ONLY**.
- List of available professional key personnel for the envisaged consultancy services (1. Team Leader (Transport Planner), 2. Road Expert, 3. Railway Expert, 4. Transport Economist, 5. Financial Expert, 6. Expert in Logistics, 7. Transport Modelling Consultant, 8. Tunnel & Structure Expert, 9. Institutional Expert with PPP skills)
- Overall firm's employees list and personnel availability and structure (list, number, organization structure, etc... of the core, backstopping and supporting staff).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to the Lebanese Public Procurement Law.

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Eligible firms, which have submitted the necessary statements in a satisfactory responsive way, might be short listed. The shortlisting process will be based on the following criteria:

1. Eligibility of the Applicant.
2. General experience in consultancy services.
3. Experience of the Firm in Similar Projects.
4. Availability of Appropriate Skills among staff.
5. Experience in Lebanon and in the Middle East.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (from 09:00 to 14:00 Beirut local Time).

Expressions of Interest must be **EITHER submitted Electronically** on the following electronic address: ghinwah@cdr.gov.lb **OR** delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by postal mail) not later than 12:00 noon, Beirut local time on **Thursday June 6th, 2024**, mentioning as reference:

**"Consultancy Services for the Preparation of
a Feasibility Study for the Beirut – Bekaa Transport Link "**

Address:

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Consultant Information Form

Consultant Name	JV:		
- Cover Letter			
- Concise Presentation of the Consultant (Brochures, Statements, etc.)			
- Certified Statement of Financial Capacity of the Last Ten (10) Years			
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<p>Detailed descriptions of two (2) handled similar projects as defined herein, within the last ten (10) years ONLY. In case of JV, each member shall have handled at least one (1) similar complex project.</p>	Project Name	Project Size & Value	% of participation
<p>Professional Key Personnel</p> <p>1. Team Leader (Transport Planner): 2. Road Expert: 3. Railway Expert: 4. Transport Economist: 5. Financial Expert: 6. Expert in Logistics: 7. Transport Modelling Consultant: 8. Tunnel & Structure Expert: 9. Institutional Expert (with PPP skills): Others:</p>			
<p>Overall firm's employees list and personnel availability and structure (list, number, organization structure, etc... of the core, backstopping and supporting staff)</p>	<p>Organization Chart and Total Staff</p> <p>Organization Chart: Total No of Staff:</p>		
<p>- Experience in Lebanon and the Middle East</p>	<p>Experience in Lebanon and the Middle East</p> <p>Experience in Lebanon: Experience in the Region:</p>		