

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(Consulting Services – Firms Selection)

Country: **KIRIBATI**

Project: **PACIFIC AVIATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (PAIP)** Grant No; H-742-KI

Assignment Title: **Transport Sector Strategic Development Plan**

Reference No: **MCTTD/CF/K-B11**

1. This Request for Expressions of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in dgMarket online 26th July 2011 and published Issue no 804, 16th August 2011 and re-advertised 30th April 2012.
2. The Government of the Republic of Kiribati has received a grant for assistance from the International Development Association (IDA) under the **Pacific Aviation Investment Program (PAIP)**. The Implementing Agency (IA) is the Ministry of Communications, Transport and Tourism Development, (MCTTD) Kiribati, and they intend to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to a contract for the Consulting Services for the **Transport Sector Strategic Development Plan**. Tonga Airports Ltd is responsible for implementing PAIP, through a Technical and Fiduciary Services Unit (TFSU) and will assist the MCTTD with this procurement.
3. The Republic of Kiribati is one of the most remote and geographically dispersed countries in the world. It consists of 32 low lying atoll islands and one raised coral island in three main island groups scattered over 3.5 million km² (an area roughly the size of Europe) of the central and western Pacific. Most of the islands are less than 2 km wide and not more than 6 m above sea level; 21 are inhabited. The total population is about 100,000, with almost half concentrated in the urban settlements of South Tarawa. Kiribati faces many challenges in developing and maintaining sustainable internal, regional and international transport and communication linkages. A well-functioning transport system is a prerequisite for the well-being of its residents and for the effective integration and administration of the country. This assignment is to provide a Transport Strategic Development Plan with information, analysis and options for reform of the transport sector that will enable aviation, land transport, and maritime sub-sectors to operate efficiently and effectively.
4. The Consulting Services comprise **a)** a baseline review of each sector; development of KPIs, **b)** Identify options for sector restructuring, **c)** capacity building strategies, **d)** Evaluate and recommend preferred options for sector restructuring. This process shall be facilitated through stakeholder and community workshops. **e)** development of a Strategic Development plan (10Years) and a Medium Term Public Expenditure Program. The assignment is expected to require fifteen person months of input over an eight month period commencing on or around September/October 2013
5. The PAIP TFSU on behalf of the MCTTD, Kiribati, now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. *The shortlisting criteria are:* **i)** significant demonstrable experience in multi-modal (not rail) transport issues, planning, economics and modeling, **ii)** with extensive (at least ten years) experience and knowledge in at least one sector and demonstrable knowledge in all; **iii)** Demonstrated similar assignments entailing Transport Sector planning, in similar conditions, **iv)** location experience in the Pacific Region, small island environment or developing country and **v)** Caliber of Firm's **own key staff**. *The Expression of Interest should consist of documentary evidence clearly defining company profiles/core business descriptions, descriptions of similar assignments and experience in similar conditions. It may include qualifications of the Firms own senior management staff relevant to transport sector planning analysis and economics but **not** Biodata of proposed consultants. Shortlisted Firms will be invited to submit a Full Technical and Financial Proposal. Given the often-large number of submissions, firms should pay attention to the importance of brevity of the information to be sent.*
6. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers ("Consultant Guidelines January 2011"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
7. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. If Consultants wish to express interest as an Association, then they must clarify the nature of the proposed Association – i.e. whether it is a Joint Venture or a Sub-Consultancy. Please note in the case of a Joint Venture, the Consultants shall send information for each member, as a separate assessment will also be done for each firm in the proposed Joint Venture.
8. A Firm will be selected using the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method for Procurement as described in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 and which can be found at www.worldbank.org
9. Expressions of Interest, including documentary evidence on the above requirements shall be delivered to the address below by **16:00hrs on Tuesday 4th June 2103**. Firms should take into account timing of couriered documents to Tonga. Email submissions will be accepted in Low Resolution files (each) up to 3 MB only. Expressions of Interest should be clearly marked **"Expression of Interest for Consulting Services for the Transport Sector Strategic Development Plan. Reference Number: MCTTD/CF/K-B11"**.

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