



No.: HQ/IT/PPF/1

Request for Expression of Interest

INDIA

Dedicated Freight Corridor Project

Information Technology Consultancy Services

Loan No. - Yet to be allocated

1. This Request for Expression of Interest follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business issue of 13 February, 2009.
2. Government of India has applied for a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for **Engagement of a Prime IT Consultant for Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd.**
3. Ministry of Railways, Government of India plans to construct the Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC) covering about 2800 route kms on two corridors, Eastern Corridor from Ludhiana to Sone Nagar/Dankuni and Western Corridor from Jawahar Lal Nehru Port, Mumbai to Tughlakabad/Dadri along with the interlinking of the two corridors at Khurja. The project entails construction of mostly double-line railway tracks capable of eventually handling higher axle loads, longer trains and, in the case of the Western corridor, also double-stack containers. Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCC) is a Government of India Enterprise set up for the implementation of the DFC Project. As part of the project DFCC is planning implementation of suitable IT infrastructure and supporting Information systems to institutionally strengthen the organizational processes and systems.
4. The primary role of Prime IT Consultant (PC) will be providing IT advisory service and best practice enterprise architecture service in order to implement IT solution. The Consultancy involves conceptualization of the IT Strategy for DFCC, and includes identifying organizational process improvement requirements, developing a high-level 'IT Solution' and an implementation road map, and estimating sizing of each component including hardware, networking, software, training, data entry and maintenance. The PC would also be responsible to provide technical support for Bid Preparation and vendor management, including, vendor selection for implementation of the information systems, supervision and monitoring of the implementation of the

information management systems. The proposed information systems of DFCC would among others, include the development of a Portal for DFCCIL, Document Management System, Geographical Information System, Customized Business Applications for Finance, HR, Payroll and Self Service Module, Construction Project Management etc. The Prime IT Consultant Role will include supervision of the System Integrator for implementation of the solutions proposed.

5. Consultant's Organization and Experience:

The Consultant is expected to have requisite expertise and experience in providing IT Advisory and Consultancy Services in connection with planning, designing and architecting Enterprise wide IT solutions through use of Portal technology. Interested firms must also have requisite experience of having successfully completed at least three similar projects in public / government sector over the last 5 years.

Duration of Consultancy Services: The consultancy would be deliverables based, however Phase I of the assignment would include approximately three months for the planning phase followed by another three months for bid management and vendor selection. Subject to successful completion of first phase the PC may be engaged for the supervision of the information systems by the selected vendor/ system integrator.

6. The Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the Services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. [The "Association" may take the form of a joint venture (with joint and several liability) or of a sub-consultancy]. The Consultants shall indicate the details and nature of association in the EOI.

7. Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers May 2004 [Revised October 2006].

Interested firms are informed that all documents, including the Request for Proposals, the Proposal and consultant's contract for the proposed assignment will be issued in English.

8. Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address given below from 10.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs on any working day from Monday to Friday.
9. Expression of interest must be delivered to the address below no later than 14th July 2009.

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