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Request for Expression of Interest

INDIA

Dedicated Freight Corridor Project

Legal Consultancy Services

Loan No – Yet to be allocated

1. This Request for Expressions of Interest from the reputed legal consultancy firms specialized in design build contracts under International Competitive Bidding (ICB) follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in *Development Business* issue of 13th 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 Legal Consultant for Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCC)***.
3. The 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 electrified railway tracks capable of handling higher axle loads, longer trains and also double-stack containers. Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCC), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Ministry of Railways has been entrusted with the responsibility of construction and operation of the DFC. DFCC intends to execute first phase of project i.e. Bhaupur – Khurja Section of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (Approx. 350 route kms) through Design-Build (Lump Sum) Contract in accordance with the Procurement Guidelines of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).

The role of Legal Consultant (LC) and scope of legal consultancy services are set out below:

The legal consultant will:

- i. review the Prequalification and Bidding document of Design-Build (LS) Contract for Bhaupur – Khurja section (350 route km) following International Competitive Bidding (ICB), prepared by the General Consultant for consistency and compliance with the World Bank procurement guidelines and internationally acceptable good industry practice.
- ii. provide support to DFCC during the bidding process of the Design-Build (LS) contract for the Bhaupur – Khurja section of the DFC-East.

Duration of Consultancy Services: The duration of Consultancy Services shall be 12 months.

Consultant's Organisation: The consultant is expected to have requisite expertise and experience in the field of legal advisory services in similar kind of assignments involving large size International Competitive Bidding using FIDIC and other internationally acceptable bid documents and conditions of contracts, particularly in Design Build Lum-sum turnkey contracts.

4. 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.*
5. 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, and contract price and corresponding payments will be in Indian Rupees.

6. 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.
7. Expression of interest must be delivered to the address below no later than 14th April 2009.

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