

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
SOLOMON ISLANDS ROADS AND AVIATION PROJECT (SIRAP)
PACIFIC AVIATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (PAIP)



CONSULTING SERVICES –
FOR THE DESIGN AND SUPERVISION SERVICES FOR ALL AVIATION AND ROAD INVESTMENTS

REFERENCE NUMBER: SI-A02 & SI-B07

1. This Request for Expressions of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in dgMarket online October 21, 2018.
2. The Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project (SIRAP) is currently being prepared by the Government of the Solomon Islands (SIG) and The World Bank and will be supported through a Project Preparation Advance. SIRAP will form part of the regional Pacific Aviation Investment Program (PAIP) being implemented respectively in Kiribati, Tonga, Tuvalu, Samoa and Vanuatu. PAIP has a development objective to (i) improve the safety, security, efficiency, management, and environmental sustainability of airports; and (ii) improve regional harmonization of aviation safety standards. The program recognizes the key role air transport plays in the economic and social development of each participating country and the need to strengthen the efficiency and viability of this sector.
3. The Executing Agency is the Ministry of Finance and Treasury (MOFT), who will lead the project via the Ministry of Communication and Aviation (MCA) and the Ministry of Infrastructure Development (MID) as Implementing Agencies. A Project Support Team (PST) will be recruited and will be responsible for day-to-day project management, with support from the PAIP Technical and Fiduciary Services Unit (TFSU) who provides regional program implementation support across the PAIP program. The Civil Aviation Authority of Solomon Islands (CAASI) and other line ministries are also involved in supporting project implementation, providing inputs, and performing roles within their respective mandates.
4. SIRAP will be financed by US\$51 million, which is a blend of national IDA financing of US\$27 million and regional IDA financing of US\$24 million. The project consists of the following components: (i) Component A: Honiara and Munda Airports Infrastructure Investments; (ii) Component B: Malaita Road Improvement and Maintenance Program; (iii) Component C: Institutional Strengthening; (iv) Component D: Project Implementation Support; and, (v) Component E: Contingent Emergency Response. Civil works and goods associated with this consultancy include the following:
 - a. **Honiara Airport Investment Program.** (i) 5 cm overlay of existing runway (including drainage improvements); (ii) installation of airfield ground lighting for runway (AGL); and, (iii) construction of rescue fire service (RFS) vehicle station.
 - b. **Munda Airport Investment Program.** 2.5 cm overlay of existing runway.
 - c. **Malaita Road Improvement and Maintenance Program.** (i) resealing the existing sealed roads in Malaita (approx. 17 km); (ii) upgrading of three existing bridges (two log bridges and one steel truss bridge) on the Auki-Dala section (possibly to modular bridges with geosynthetic reinforced soil abutments); (iii) spot upgrading to address climate vulnerability; and, (vi) road safety infrastructure improvements (e.g., speed humps, footpaths). It is noted that Fiu bridge on the Auki-Dala section will be rehabilitated through parallel financing by the National Transport Fund (NTF).

5. The consultancy is to undertake detailed design and supervision of civil works and goods for the Honiara Airport, Munda Airport, and Malaita Roads infrastructure investments under SIRAP. The consultancy will also include design review and supervision of rehabilitation of Fiu bridge to be financed by the NTF. The detailed design phase includes undertaking of site investigations and natural condition surveys, preparation of detailed engineering design, and provision of technical inputs to bidding documents (which will be prepared by TFSU on behalf of the government). The supervision phase includes, as the Employer's Engineer, review and approval of the Contractor's detailed design, contract administration, supervision, and quality control during construction with payment verification, dispute resolution, assistance during commissioning, and ensuring full compliance of Contractor with the project's Environmental, Health and Safety requirements. It is noted that design phase will be a single lump-sum contract, while the supervision phase will be a time-based contract. The Terms of Reference for the Assignment can be located here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/64oic6u67xhlw9l/18-11-28%20SIRAP%20Design%20and%20Supervision%20TOR%20Final%20Draft%20v2.docx?dl=0>
6. **MCA and MID** now invite interested and eligible Consulting Firms to provide an **Expression of Interest** demonstrating that the Firm possesses the relevant qualifications and experience to perform the services; i.e., significant demonstrable experience in airport pavement rehabilitation design, road pavement and bridge rehabilitation design, and project management of associated civil works. The Expression of Interest should consist of documentary evidence clearly defining company profiles/core business descriptions, descriptions of similar assignments (at least three similar assignments should be detailed) and experience in similar conditions (developing countries in particular the Pacific Region). It may include qualifications of the Firms own Senior Management Staff relevant to airport pavement engineering, and road pavement and bridge engineering. CVs are not required 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.*
7. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - a. Core Business and years in business;
 - b. Demonstrated relevant experience in Design and Construction Supervision;
 - c. Technical and managerial capability of the firm; and
 - d. Demonstrated experience in the Pacific Region, small island environment or developing country.Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.
8. Consultants may associate 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.
9. A Firm will be selected using the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method for Procurement as described in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing (IPF) Borrowers (issued July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018) and which can be found at www.worldbank.org
10. **Expressions of Interest**, including documentary evidence on the above requirements shall be delivered to the address below by **December 20, 2018**. 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 Design and Supervision Services for All Aviation and Road Investments, Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project (SIRAP), Pacific Aviation Investment Program (PAIP), Reference Number: SI-A02 & SI-B07**".
11. Address for submission of Expression of Interest:
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