



**Government of Sierra Leone
Ministry of Finance
Project Fiduciary Management Unit - PFMU**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(Consulting Services – Firm Selection)**

Country: Republic of Sierra Leone

Name of Project: Integrated Resilience Urban Mobility Project

Consulting Services: Transport Management Consultancy (TMC)

Reference No: SL-MOFED-138083-CS-QCBS

BACKGROUND

The Government of Sierra Leone through the Ministry of Transport and Aviation (MoTA) has received IDA Grant to be used for implementation of the Integrated and Resilient Urban Mobility Project (IRUMP). Urban mobility issues in Freetown are a result of the difficult economic and political environment, the inability to keep pace with the growing demand, and decades of neglect. It will take many years to address the underlying problems in a sustained manner. The way forward will focus on testing and scaling up pilot solutions and building capacity to ensure the sustainability of results. Following this logic, the objective of this proposed multiphase programmatic urban transport project is two-fold: first, to pilot short-term remedies in order to obtain immediate relief and demonstrate the value of good management of existing infrastructure, efficient implementation, and good coordination across multiple departments and agencies within the government; and second, to build institutions, develop appropriate policies and regulations, and identify arrangements to strengthen the delivery of public transport services and climate resilience. The project will finance studies and training to strengthen the capacity of government agencies and departments and support the development of laws, regulations and frameworks for the sustainable delivery of urban transport services. It is expected that the lessons from the project will enable the government to incrementally scale up interventions to a wider area over time.

OBJECTIVE

To support PIU in project implementation and assist in the broader public transport reform program, in so doing, capacity building for the relevant institutions and agencies.

The TMC team serves as a program planning and management resource and a source of advice, knowledge and capacity building for relevant government agencies involved in urban transport planning and reform.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITY

The TMC would be retained by PIU to provide an agreed set of skilled staff on an as-need basis, as considered most appropriate for the individual tasks. The focus will be on supporting the staff in PIU and line institutions (mainly, MoTA, SLRTC, FCC, Traffic Police and bus operators). The ISC would provide specialist staff, including in the following areas on an as required basis for an initial period of two years, with the possibility of extension based on delivery and performance:

- a) Project management, monitoring and evaluation;
- b) Strategic Planning and Institutional Development
- c) Public Transport Service Planning, Operations and Management
- d) National Vehicle Policy detailed implementation plan
- e) Fare Policy, System, Structure and Levels
- f) Preparation of draft contracts, evaluation criteria
- g) Bus financing and procurement
- h) Assisting private sector to get organized
- i) Training for Bus Operators
- j) Traffic system engineering and management
- k) Supporting preparation and Implementation of a Communication Plan
- l) Capacity Building

The Project Fiduciary Management Unit of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services.

Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: core business and years in business, relevant experience, technical and managerial capability of the firm. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 Revised November 2017 and August 2018 Procurement Regulations setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Base Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours between 09:00 to 16:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by **Friday 22nd November, 2019 at 11:00 GMT.**

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Please indicate clearly the **Name of the Assignment** on the envelope (in the case of hard copy application) or in the email subject heading and attachment (in the case of electronic applications).