



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

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

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Country: Republic of Sierra Leone

Non-Consulting Services: Fare Collection and Distribution Service with Ministry of Transport and Aviation/ Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority [SLPTA]

Reference No: SL-IRUMP-001-NCS-TCS

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Government of Sierra Leone through the Ministry of Transport and Aviation (MoTA) has received grant facility from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)/International Development Association (IDA)/World Bank to be used for the implementation of the Sierra Leone Integrated Resilient Urban Mobility Project (SLIRUMP). Urban mobility issues in Freetown are a result of the difficult economic and political environment, the inability to keep pace with the growing demand, mismanagement of road space and traffic and decades of neglect. The way forward will focus on testing and scaling up pilot solutions and building capacity to ensure the sustainability of results. 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 is financing Works, Construction Supervision, design as well as engaged in modernization and professionalization of transport services.

A Financing Agreement (Grant No. D4830-SL) has been signed between the Government of Sierra Leone (**GoSL**) and the International Development Association. The Ministry of Transport and Aviation has inaugurated the Sierra Leone Integrated and Resilient Urban Mobility Project [**SLIRUMP**]. One of the key project objectives is to improve the quality of public transport and transform Freetown from a congested, vehicle-oriented city to a resilient, people-oriented city. The focus is on making public transport, cycling and walking at the core of the metropolitan vision with attention on vulnerable groups such as low-income residents, women, and people with disabilities. To achieve this vision, the GoSL will separate public transport regulatory functions from public transport operational functions. The objective is to improve transport service delivery by bringing public transport functions into a single, well managed, and focused institutional structure. In the process of modernising the informal transport services, the IRUMP is transitioning the current Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation (SLRTC) from an operator to serve as a regulator named, Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority (SLPTA). The Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority [**SLPTA**

– the Transport Authority] is the responsible legal entity authorised to devise the policies to regulate the operation and control of passenger transport services within the territory of Sierra Leone.¹

The SLPTA will function as a professional management agency to act on behalf of the Ministry of Transport and Aviation as the regulator and procurer of public transport services. This underpins the creation of a commercial, competitive environment for the provision of public transport services by separating regulatory and operational responsibilities. This is necessary to ensure that all service providers are subjected to the same conditions and constraints and to establish an arms-length regulatory and contractual relationship with operators.

3.0 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The overall objective is to provide **fare collection and distribution service** in compliance with IRUMP and the SLPTA specified standards that will ensure:

- All suitable equipment and technology required to deliver the service are available in perfect working condition throughout the tenure of the contract
- the required skill and personnel are available in delivering the service throughout the tenure of the contract

4.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

The service provider will manage the clearing house functions for the Project or new SLPTA formalised route network. It will collate **real-time** geo-located data (daily travel demand, time of sale etc.) from the sales transactions. The service provider will be responsible for collecting all fare income into a consolidated pot. They will then distribute this to operators in accordance with the provisions of the service delivery contracts with MTA/SLPTA and upon the prior written approval of the MTA/ SLPTA to reflect their contractual obligations.

The Service provider shall perform and provide all services necessary to achieve the above objectives in full and in compliance with the service contract agreement to the satisfaction of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU)/SLPTA of MoTA. The services shall be provided in close collaboration, consultation and cooperation with Project Implementation Unit (PIU)/SLPTA. The service shall commence for the first phase from Lumley to the Central Business District in the West and Calaba Town to the CBD in the East. However, operations will be extended to Jui and River No.2 depending on availability of additional buses. The first phase will comprise of 50 buses for the operation from Lumley to Calaba Town.

The GoSL has bold plans for a formalised public transport network of 22 routes across Freetown. As such expansion of the initial fleet of 50 buses will take place as more routes enter the formalised public transport network with the aim of progressing to a fleet of over 300 vehicles within the next 5 years. As such the supplier should be prepared to work in Partnership with the GoSL/SLPTA to increase the size of the ticketing system to facilitate off board payment and validation of tickets on board.

The Project Fiduciary Management Unit of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible Bidders to indicate their interest in providing the Services.

Interested Bidders 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

¹ The Transport Authority is under formation with the enabling SLPTA Bill within the current parliamentary timetable. 09.22. The SLRTC Act of 1964 will be revoked with the enactment of the proposed Bill.

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 Bidders 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, August 2018 and November, 2020 Procurement Regulations setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Bidders 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 Based 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.

Project Fiduciary Management Unit
Ministry of Finance
Attn: The Team Lead
13A Howe Street Freetown
Sierra Leone

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by e-mail on or before by **Friday 30th December, 2023 at 11:00 GMT.**

E-mail: irumobilityproject@gmail.com

Please indicate clearly the **Name of the Assignment** in the email subject heading and attachment as only electronic submission will be accepted.