

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Proposed National Emergency Rural Access Project (NERAP)
CONSULTING SERVICES: Monitoring Information Specialist (National)

Sector: Rural Roads, Project ID No: P103343

Duty Station: Kabul, Afghanistan, Duration: 12 months, Reference No. NERAP/Consultants/009

Expressions of Interest

The National Rural Access Programme (NRAP) is one of the flagship initiatives of the Government of Afghanistan and is supported by several donors, under the leadership of the World Bank. NRAP is intended to facilitate the provision of a rural road access network that will connect households and communities to essential services and markets. NRAP is jointly executed by the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) and the Ministry of Public Works (MPW).

NRAP supports the enhancement of rural livelihoods by ensuring that all communities have access to critical social and economic infrastructure and productive employment opportunities. NRAP is financed through bilateral projects, World Bank grants/credit, as well as the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF). Since its inception in 2002, NRAP has rehabilitated about 10,000 km of rural roads and has connected 3,900 villages to town centers. The program currently is estimated to have a funding- volume of \$500 million and the proposed IDA Grant of about \$112 million. Implementation is expected over four years. As a part of the World Bank's continuous support to NRAP, National Emergency Rural Access Project (NERAP) will be launched early in 2008 following the successful implementation of the NEEPRA (National Emergency Employment Project-Rural Access).

As the program scales up in terms of magnitude and complexity, there is an urgent need for a strong monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system as well as monitoring information system in order to back up the tracking of implementation progress and gauge impact and benefits over time. The NRAP seeks a Monitoring Information Specialist (MIS) to guide both PIUs to develop, install and operate MIS system and provide an effective on the job training to the M&E and MIS team of each PIUs.

The Management Information System Specialist services will be required to:

Assist the PIUs and M&E units of MRRD and MPW for designing, developing and guiding the M&E and MIS systems for NERAP with all its various component activities. The M&E system should provide program stakeholders with timely, reliable and accurate information in order to improve program management assess impact over the time. The consultant shall form part of the National Coordination Unit (NCU), while working extensively with both PIUs, particularly with the M&E team, GIS team and Social Inclusion Unit (SIU) of MRRD and MoPW PIUs. The consultant will also involve the regional staff involved in the M&E activities. The consultant will liaise with MIS units of the MRRD and MoPW to integrate the NERAP M&E system with the two ministries M&E system. Towards the end of the consultancy service, it is envisaged that the MIS specialist will assist the M&E consultant in improving the current MIS and M&E in accordance with the proposed and approved program design.

Key Qualifications

The Consultant should have;

- A minimum of B.S. Degree in relevant field (Computer Science and Computer Engineering)
- Extensive 4 years minimum experience in developing and maintaining MIS database system;
- Extensive experience in establishment of database for rural access projects is desired;
- Extensive experience in developing online application for data gathering and reporting which shall be connected to the main MIS system
- experience in Capacity Building (CB) with MIS for a minimum of 3 years

Services are expected to start in late July, 2008.

The NRAP Program Development and Coordination Unit now invite **eligible individual consultants** to indicate their interest in providing the services described above. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the assignment (knowledge of technical norms applied in rural road rehabilitation and construction, description of similar assignments, experiences in similar conditions).

The consultant will be selected based on CVs presentation and use of comparison in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's standard guideline for selection of consultant.

Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (May 2004 Revised October 2006).

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours. from 8:00A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Afghanistan time

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below not later than July 12, 2008 at 4:00 pm

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