

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

**COUNTRY:** Federated States of Micronesia

**NAME OF PROJECT:** Maritime Investment Project (P163922)

**Assignment Title:** Consultancy for the Design and Supervision of Safe, Efficient and Climate Resilient Maritime Infrastructure in FSM.

**Reference No.:** FM-DOTCI-259098-CS-QCBS

The Federated States of Micronesia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the FSM Maritime Investment Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The scope of this design and supervision assignment will be determined by the FSMIP Needs Assessment that is in its final stages of completion. The Needs Assessment consultant's final report will be provided as a reference document at the Request for Proposals (RFP) stage of this Design and Construction Supervision procurement activity. Likewise, the detailed scope of construction works to be designed under this assignment will be included as an appendix to the finalized TOR at the RFP stage of this procurement activity.

The consulting services ("the Services") will involve undertaking four consecutive stages - Design of Maritime Infrastructure Improvements at the Four FSM International Ports, Procurement Assistance, Construction Supervision and Contracts Administration, and Defects Liability Period.

### *Stage 1 – Design of Maritime Infrastructure Improvements at the Four FSM International Ports*

Concept designs have been completed for infrastructure improvements at all four ports, and these concepts are to be developed into detailed designs, drawings, specifications and bid documentation. The consulting firm will provide procurement support, supervision of construction and administration of works contracts for a subset of these concept design items, while the remaining concept design items will have detailed designs, drawings and specifications prepared only. Concept design items for works that are not prioritized under FSMIP due to budget constraints will be recommended for inclusion in future project funding. NOTE: Some surveys were undertaken as part of the Needs Assessment consultancy but the output data from these will need to be verified for detailed design purposes.

### *Stage 2 – Procurement Assistance*

Following acceptance / approval of the Design Completion Report and Bidding Documents, and the Client's decision to proceed with the works contract(s) bidding, the consultant shall assist DoTC&I with procurement of the works contractor(s), during and after the bidding period.

### *Stage 3 – Construction Supervision and Contracts Administration*

The consultant will be fully responsible to the client for construction supervision and administration of the works contract(s). The consultant will be required to monitor, audit and perform independent testing of materials and systems put in place by the works contractor to verify their compliance with the required standards in accordance with the specifications.

### *Stage 4 – Defects Liability Period*

The Consultant is required to carry out periodic inspections on a quarterly basis for the duration of the Defects Liability Period (DLP) stipulated in the construction contract.

To obtain the Terms of Reference (TOR) for this Expression of Interest stage of the assignment (and the TOR for the precursory Needs Assessment Study) you are encouraged to write to the Project Manager at [gerard.osborne@tci.gov.fm](mailto:gerard.osborne@tci.gov.fm) or the Project Officer at [sonia.kephas@tci.gov.fm](mailto:sonia.kephas@tci.gov.fm).

The Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure (DoTC&I) 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:

1. General experience in the core areas of design and construction supervision (a minimum of 10 years’ experience will be required)
2. Experience on similar assignments as per the Terms of Reference (at least 3 similar assignments over the past 10 years of which at least 1 assignment should be in a small island developing state)
3. Proof of technical, managerial and financial capacity of the firm
4. Experience in the pacific region is desired

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 Based Selection Method (QCBS) set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1700 Pohnpei Time (Local Time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **4:00 p.m. (1600 hrs) Pohnpei Time on Monday, December 20, 2021.**

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