



In line with **Department of Transportation's (DOTr)** aim of providing people with Convenient, Affordable, Reliable, Efficient and Safe transportation system, the **DOTr** through the **Procurement Service – Department of Budget and Management (PS-DBM)** is inviting qualified individuals to participate in the open and transparent process for the procurement of the following project:

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

REOI No. 22-004-7

CEBU BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT - FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines, through the Department of Transportation (DOTr), has embarked upon a program of development and implementation of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in the Philippines. The development and implementation of BRT in the Philippines, beginning with the Cebu BRT Project, is supported by the World Bank with additional funds provided by the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) and the Philippine Government. The Cebu and Metro Manila BRT system will operate along both a dedicated transit way and in mixed traffic segments (using transit priority and improvements at intersections where possible). The Cebu BRT Corridor is composed of 13.18 km segregated corridor from South Road Properties (SRP) through Mambaling up to I.T Park and a 22.1 km bus feeder system that runs over mixed traffic, with curbside bus stops/shelter along the following route: Cebu IT Park-Talamban, Mambaling-Bulacao and Talisay-SRP. This system is expected to open June 2023 on a reduced BRT alignment and targeted to be fully operational by November 2024. The majority of commuters will be existing jeepney riders upgrading to the new service.

The project also includes Area Traffic Control (ATC) systems, traffic engineering, urban realm enhancements, project management, outcome monitoring, and BRT concept dissemination, it is proposed to engage an individual consultant, a Financial Management Specialist, to support the Cebu and Metro Manila BRT Project Implementation Units (PIUs) during the initial or pilot phase of program implementation. The Financial Management Specialist will undertake the following tasks ("Tasks"):

1. Assist the PIUs to create and maintain the required project financial management systems, including accounting, financial reporting, budgeting and auditing systems, adequate to comply with the requirements of the external financiers, as well as those of the Philippine Government;
2. Assist the National Program Management Office (NPMO) and PIUs in preparing the annual financial plan and disbursement projections in a form sufficient for the requirements of DOTr and the Department of Budget and Management;
3. Help coordinate the financial management requirements of the project that include the timely submission of annual audited project financial statements and quarterly interim financial reports;
4. Ensure that appropriate continuous arrangements are in place for smooth processing, approval and payments of bills for procurement of goods, works and services for the project. Conduct

initial review of the billings and ensure completeness of attachments before submission to the Finance Division for further processing;

5. Assist in selection and recruitment of project staff that are involved in financial management, accounting and financial reporting;
6. Review and monitor project accounting records to ensure that these are in accordance with the country accounting procedures, regulations and policies;
7. Review and revise the annual work plan/delivery timetable of the staff involved in the project accounting and financial reporting to ensure the timely completion and submission of required financial reports;
8. Work closely with staff of the Commission of Audit to facilitate the timely completion and submission of project audit reports. Attend entry and exit meetings with COA auditors and assist in addressing the audit recommendations;
9. Conduct capacity building and knowledge sharing activities for all project finance staff so that they understand and are able to accomplish the financial management requirements of the Project; and
10. Work closely with the Finance Division in obtaining information to perform the tasks enumerated above.

The BRT Projects shall be implemented by the PIUs to be supported by the National Project Management Office. The Consultant will provide monthly progress reports that document activities completed and those planned. In addition, task specific reports will be produced as required by the DOTr. The Consultant shall report to the Program Manager of the National Program Management Office.

The contract for the Financial Management Specialist is for twelve (12) person-months and shall commence upon the receipt of Notice to Proceed renewable for another six (6) person-months at the option of the Head Of the Procuring Entity but will not exceed the term of the latter.

The Consultant will have the following specialization and expertise:

- Bachelor's degree in management or finance or any related field (master's degree will be an advantage); and
- Minimum general experience of five (5) years with at least three (3) years of demonstrated experience in financial management of projects funded by international financing institutions.

The DOTr through PS-DBM now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants"), local, to indicate their interest in providing the Tasks. Interested individuals should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Tasks by submitting their Expression of Interests ("EOI") and Curriculum Vitae.

Consultants shall be selected under Section V of the Guidelines on Selection and Employment of Consultants under International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) Loans and International Development Association (IDA) Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers ("World Bank Guidelines").

Further information can be obtained at the Bids and Awards Committee VII, PS-DBM Compound, RR Road, Cristobal St., Paco, Manila 1107, Philippines during office hours from Monday to Friday at 8:00AM to 5:00PM and at the websites of PS-DBM (www.ps-philgeps.gov.ph) and DOTr (www.dotr.gov.ph).

EOIs and CVs must be delivered in written form to Bids and Awards Committee VII, PS-DBM Compound, RR Road, Cristobal St., Paco, Manila 1107, Philippines (in person or by mail or by fax or by e-mail) on or before **10:00AM of April 13, 2022.**

For further information, please refer to:

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