

Invitation for Bids

Issued on:	24 October 2022
Employer:	“Road Department” Fund on behalf of Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure
Name of project:	North-South Road Corridor Investment Program -Tranche 4
County:	The Republic of Armenia
Contract No. and Title:	04-CW-01- Reconstruction of about 21 km road from Agarak to Vardanidzor; Construction of about 11 km road from Vardanidzor to tunnel exit (Tranche 4)
Deadline for Submission of Bids:	23 December 2022 at 16:00 hours (Yerevan time)

1. The Republic of Armenia has received a loan from the Eurasian Development Bank (EDB) (acting in its capacity of the Eurasian Fund for Stabilization and Development Resources Manager) in the framework of the North-South Road Corridor Investment Program (Program) toward the cost of the Project «North-South Road Corridor Investment Program -Tranche 4», and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for **Reconstruction of about 21 km road from Agarak to Vardanidzor; Construction of about 11 km road from Vardanidzor to tunnel exit (Tranche 4).**

2. “North-South Road Corridor Investment Program” is a major infrastructure project (hereafter NSRCIP project) which aims at connecting the Southern border of the country with its Northern point by means of 556km-long Meghri-Yerevan-Bavra highway by reducing it to about 85km and reaching up to 470km. North South Corridor is also a part of the Asian Highway corridor (AH 82) which connects the Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan). As a result, the reconstruction of the current road of 556km of the 2nd category with the average of 60km/h will reach to 470km road with 80-100km/h as a result of which the crossing of the mentioned section will decrease from current 9-9.5 hours up to 5-6 hours and will increase comfort and safety, ensuring also the goal of becoming a transit route of freight and transport movement from East to West and from West to East. The construction of this highly important strategic road will ensure easier traffic from the Southern border of Armenia to the Georgian border and up to Black Sea ports and will allow passenger and cargo transportation in accordance with European standards.

The “Road Department” Fund on behalf of Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia (“the Employer”) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following construction works: **Reconstruction of about 21 km road from Agarak to Vardanidzor; Construction of about 11 km road from Vardanidzor to tunnel exit (Tranche 4).**

The Works involves the construction of approximately 32 km of dual 2 lane carriageway on greenfield site with asphalt pavement.

The Contractor shall carry out the Works in accordance with the detailed design and the requirements of the technical specifications, which are part of the Bidding Document to be provided by the Employer.

Only eligible Bidders with the following and **other key qualifications mentioned in the Section 3 of the Bidding Documents** should participate in this bidding:

Financial Situation:

(i) The Bidder shall demonstrate that it has access to, or has available, liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means (independent of any contractual advance payment) sufficient to meet the construction cash flow requirements estimated as: USD 27,000,000 for the subject contract(s) net of the Bidders other commitments,

(ii) The Bidders shall also demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Employer, that it has adequate sources of finance to meet the cash flow requirements on works currently in progress and for future contract commitments,

(iii) The audited balance sheets or, if not required by the laws of the Bidder's country, other financial statements acceptable to the Employer, for the last 5 (five) years, starting from 1st January 2017 to 1st January 2022 shall be submitted and must demonstrate the current soundness of the Bidder's financial position and indicate its prospective long-term profitability.

Average Annual Construction Turnover:

Minimum average annual construction turnover of USD 120,000,000 calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed within the last within the last 10 (ten) years starting from 1st January 2012 to 1st January 2022.

Specific Construction & Contract Management Experience:

A minimum number of similar contracts specified below that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor between 1st January 2017 and application submission deadline: 1 (one) contract with minimum value

USD 190 000 000 or 2 (two) contracts, each of with minimum value USD 95 000 000.

More details **related to other key qualification requirements** are mentioned in the **Section 3 of the Bidding Documents**.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding procedures without prequalification as specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: PROCUREMENT OF GOODS, WORKS, AND NON-CONSULTING SERVICES UNDER IBRD LOANS AND IDA CREDITS & GRANTS BY WORLD BANK BORROWERS, January 2011 Revised July 2014, and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the address given below:

"Road Department" Fund

Executive Director: Gor Avetisyan

Address: 1st floor, Government House 3, Republic Square, 0010, Yerevan, RA

Tel: +37410542176

E-mail: procurement@armroad.am, hasmik.ordukhanyan@armroad.am

5. The soft version of Bidding document in English **at no cost**, may received by interested eligible Bidders by email upon the submission of a written application the address above requesting the bidding documents for **04-CW-01- Reconstruction of about 21 km road from Agarak to Vardanidzor; Construction of about 11 km road from Vardanidzor to tunnel exit (Tranche 4)** ("the Works").

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below:

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on or before: **23 December 2022 at 16:00 hours (Yerevan time).**

Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected.

Bids will be publicly opened on **23 December 2022 at 16:00 hours (Yerevan time)** in the presence of the Bidders’ designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below:

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7. All Bids must be accompanied by a “Bid Security” in the amount of 2 percent from the total price of Bid of the participant.

8. All Bids must be accompanied by a Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and/or Sexual Harassment (SH) Declaration.

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