

**Municipal Development Fund of Georgia
Asian Development Bank (ADB)**

**Loan N 2655 - GEO: SUSTAINABLE URBAN TRANSPORT
INVESTMENT PROGRAM**

**Request for expression of interest for the position of Individual Consultant for Twinning Program and
Institutional Strengthening Project
Ref. No: SUTIP-IC-14-2014**

The Project is funded by the Government of Georgia (GoG) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF) is the project executing agency.

Development of Tbilisi City urban transport infrastructure and its upgrade to the required international standards is one of the main components required for enhancement of the living standards of its inhabitants and achievement of competitive advantage in the region. The government of Georgia and Tbilisi City Hall and Sakrebulo decided to accelerate the shift to sustainable urban transport by exploring new initiatives and learning from peers. The intention is to review and learn from recent international best practices, innovations and standards which demonstrated significant impact in terms of improvement of mobility conditions, quality of life and economic growth. The range of possible measures (not limited to) are anticipated to possibly relate to governance and institutional reforms, bus structuring, rapid transit system (bus rapid transit, tramway, cable car...), non motorized transport (pedestrian, bicycle, ...), integrated urban and transport planning, transit oriented development, and land value capture, private section participation, traffic management, parking strategy, as appropriated and tailored to Tbilisi context.

The purpose of the assignment is to share experience and knowledge from recent best practice and demonstration projects and to receive recommendations on sustainable urban transport development based on best international practice.

Under this project the Municipal Development Fund of Georgia announces Expression of Interest for selection of *Individual International Consultant* for Twinning Program and Institutional Strengthening Project.

Project covers 4 phases. The Consultant will assist MDF, Tbilisi city authorities (Tbilisi City Hall and City Assembly /"Sakrebulo"/) to expand the capacity and improvement of the Tbilisi City transport system operation.

During four phases, the Scope of Work of the Consultant includes, but not limited to the following tasks:

Phase 1: The Consultant will be tasked to in consultation with city authorities to: i) identify the key challenges (city municipality transport priorities); ii) select the cities having overcome successfully the similar type of issues in the past and establish contacts with governments of the cities; iii) plan the study tour. The consultant will take part in the study assist members of delegation in preparation of presentation materials for the visits.

Phase 2: The Consultant will summarize the findings of study tour and organize a 2 days round table workshop in Tbilisi. City representatives as well as international experts will be invited to take part in the event. A Tbilisi city tour will be also organized for the guests. Elaborate an advisable proposal for the event.

Phase 3: Based on the study tour and the workshop findings, the Consultant to provide recommendations and elaborate strategic paper how to overcome the challenges, etc. and prepare the list of seminars and trainings for city hall and city assembly staff which would help to improve their capacity.

Phase 4: Define methodology and conduct opinion survey - among Tbilisi inhabitants. in consultation with city authorities.

After the conclusion on all phases including survey component, recommend and discuss with city authorities to come up with action plan and timeline for its implementation.

The consultant will be recruited by MDF as an individual consultant on an intermittent basis. Tentative duration of the Contract is 16 months.

Knowledge and qualifications:

- (i) The Consultant shall have at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited university, and have experience in Western and Eastern Europe. Experience in Caucasus and Central Asian countries would be an asset. The Consultant should have as Team Leader planned and designed at least one rapid transit project (bus rapid transit, light rail transport, or mass rapid transit) which has been implemented and successfully commissioned. The Consultant should have minimum of 15 year of relevant experience and expertise in Urban Transport planning, innovative transport systems (worldwide);
- (ii) Experience of working with ADB or other International Financial Institutions supported projects is desired;
- (iii) Knowledge of the Georgian legal framework will be an advantage;
- (iv) Strong communication skills, as well as proficiency in oral and written English language are desired (knowledge of Georgian or Russian language would be an asset).
- (v) The curriculum vitae of the specialist should contain information of the assignments they have successfully completed in the last 5 years, with complete names and addresses of the clients and the name and contact information of the immediate supervisors

Interested Individual Consultants may obtain additional information at the Procurement Unit at the address provided below from 10:00 a.m. to 18:00 p.m. Phone number: (+99532) 243 70 01, extension 409, Ms. Nata Peitrishvili, Procurement Specialist.

Interest expression with CV shall be submitted at the address provided below not later than **18:00 p.m. of May 30, 2014.**

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