

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

ALBANIA

Regional and Local Roads Connectivity Project (RLRCP)

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Project No. P163239

Government of Albania (GoA) has received financing in the amount of 50 mln US\$ equivalent from the World Bank toward the cost of the **Regional and Local Roads Connectivity Project (RLRCP)** and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project. This project will be implemented by the **Albanian Development Fund (ADF)** as the implementing agency.

The project will include the following components:

Component 1. Accessibility Improvement (Total cost US\$46.88 million; IBRD US\$46.88 million)

This component will finance the rehabilitation of regional and local roads; consultancy services for designs, civil works supervision, and technical and road safety audits; and road safety initiatives.

Subcomponent 1.1. Climate Resilient Road Rehabilitation Works (Total cost US\$45.68 million)

This subcomponent will finance the rehabilitation of about 55 km of regional and local roads. The designs will incorporate climate resilience, such as resilience to flooding and landslides, considerations given the observed and anticipated vulnerability of the network. As a first-year program, three project roads (totaling 38 km) in three municipalities have been proposed based on further surveys and rigorous multicriteria analysis applied on the short-listed 200 km of roads. The remaining project roads will be identified and prioritized during implementation. Where roads serve tourism areas or pass through urban areas, attention will be given to safety improvements, orientation signage, bus stops, and aesthetic considerations. In addition, new bike lanes and sidewalks will be built, which will in turn lead to urban transport modal shift from passenger cars to bicycles or walking, thereby also leading to greenhouse gas emission reductions resulting from such shift. This subcomponent will also finance the second-year program designs (first-year program designs are already financed by the GoA), civil works supervision of all project roads, and their technical and road safety audits.

Subcomponent 1.2. Road Safety Initiatives (Total cost US\$1.2 million)

This subcomponent will consist of identification of potential road safety interventions on regional and local roads that are not included in Subcomponent 1.1 but are within the project

municipalities. Identification efforts shall include both road risk mapping using available crash data and a road safety inspection of sections linked to Subcomponent 1.1 roads. These interventions will enhance the safety of these roads and will include traffic calming measures, footpaths, crash barriers and junctions' design, as well as the supervision of implementation of selected interventions.

Component 2. Capacity Building for Municipalities (Total cost US\$1.0 million; IBRD: US\$1.0 million)

The significant administrative and territorial reforms which consolidated responsibilities at the municipal level have empowered municipalities with much greater ownership and decision-making powers over key development objectives. However, it has also highlighted financial and capacity constraints in the execution of these new responsibilities. This component will provide support to municipalities in two areas of their new responsibilities, which is the management and maintenance of their road networks, and in maximizing the potential impacts from improved access on agricultural competitiveness and tourism potential. The following activities are envisaged:

Subcomponent 2.1. Building Municipal Capacity to Manage and Maintain Road Networks (Total cost US\$0.5 million)

This subcomponent will evaluate the current road investment, rehabilitation, and maintenance practices in project municipalities; support in the preparation of road investment, rehabilitation and maintenance plans and strategies for multiyear programming; and also assess the adequacy of maintenance finance. To support this objective, this subcomponent will (a) enhance existing asset management systems to improve the planning and prioritization of maintenance and rehabilitation activities, (b) development of a standard service-level agreement between the municipality and a contractor to improve the efficiency of maintenance execution, (c) development of a framework for sustainable maintenance finance, and (d) build capacity in the selected municipalities to effectively implement road maintenance programs.

Subcomponent 2.2. Building New Economies (Total cost US\$0.5 million)

This subcomponent will support selected municipalities' implementation of rural development programs supported by the Government and other development partners, including the recently approved '100 villages' program. It will provide TA to the project municipalities to (a) assess market potential at the village level to determine which productive activities would yield the highest return, (b) support the preparation of project proposals to leverage grant finance available under rural development programs to address market demands, and (c) provide TA for the implementation of these activities. The productive activities will be linked to agriculture and tourism. The focus will be on linking agricultural producers to local demand through local markets and tourism centers and promoting agro-tourism through steering public and private investments in tourism-related infrastructure and services at the local level.

Component 3. Implementation Management Support (Total cost US\$2.0 million; IBRD: US\$2.0 million)

This component includes incremental operational cost of the ADF, development and maintenance of a geographic information system (GIS) and prioritization database for regional and local roads, midterm evaluation, and capacity-building initiatives for the ADF. It will also include the implementation of a Project Impact Assessment to assess the project's

impacts on key social, transport, agriculture, and tourism indicators.

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016) (Procurement Regulations)*, and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the *Procurement Regulations*. After project negotiations, the World Bank shall arrange the publication on its external website of the agreed initial procurement plan and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection.

Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, in [UN Development Business](#) online, on the World Bank's external website, on the ADF website, www.albaniandf.org and two local nationwide newspapers

Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Implementing Agency at the address below:

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