

IMO STATE RURAL ACCESS AND MOBILITY PROJECT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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ABOUT IMO RAMP

The Rural Access and Mobility Project (RAMP) is a World Bank/French Development Agency's assisted project in support of the implementation of the governments Rural Travel and Transport Policy (RTTP). The project is being coordinated by the State Project Implementation Unit (SPIU).

The Second Rural Access and Mobility Project (RAMP-2) is intended to improve transport conditions in rural areas and to bring about sustained access to the rural population. The project is a World Bank assisted project, co-financed by the French Development Agency with counterpart funds from Imo State Government.

The RAMP-2 is aimed at improving and enhancing accessibility and mobility in the rural areas. Accessibility and mobility are critical issues in the lives of the rural population, considering that majority of them are agriculturalists. Movement of their agricultural inputs and outputs (produce) is hinged on accessibility and mobility. The average rural agriculturalist produces for both subsistence and commerce. The unavailability and or the poor condition of the roads, culverts and bridges mean that the commercial aspects of their agriculture is hampered or minimized. This invariably diminishes their economic empowerment and socio-cultural wellbeing. Thus, the RAMP-2 project by the WB and AFD is a timely and appropriate intervention, which will certainly transform the economies and livelihoods of the benefiting communities.

Project Development Objective

The Project's Development Objective (PDO) is to improve transport conditions and bring sustained access to the rural population, through rehabilitating and maintaining key rural transport infrastructure in a sustainable manner in selected Nigerian states.

Project Components

The project has three primary components:

- **Component 1: Rehabilitation of Rural and State Roads** - This component would finance rehabilitation works for an indicative 380.7km of rural and state roads in Imo states as well as the related design studies and external supervision activities.
- **Component 2: Roads Maintenance and Local Development** – This component would finance road maintenance activities on rehabilitated roads and support state mechanisms for maintenance funding. The model to be used in the maintenance mechanism involves community-based approach to among others.
- **Component 3: Capacity Building, Project Management and strengthening of state and Federal Road Sector Institutional, Policy and Regulatory framework:** This component aims at helping addressing institutional capacity gabs at the sub-national level with regards to rural roads assets management as well as at developing and implementing sound rural transport policies.

The State Project Monitoring Committee (SPMC) in conjunction with the State Project Implementation Unit (SPIU) representing State Government of Imo, hereby invites applications from competent and qualified personnel to fill the positions of:

JOB TITLE: PROJECT COORDINATOR

Description:

The State Project Coordinator (PC) will be based in Owerri, Imo State, but may involve occasional travel to Abuja and other participating States will be responsible in ensuring that the SPIU functions and responsibilities are carried out and will be accountable for the performance of the

SPIU. Consequently, he/she will be responsible for the overall project progress by ensuring the realization of the RAMP-2 goals and objectives at the state level. She/he will be accountable to the State Project Monitoring Committee, appropriate levels of government ministries and primary stakeholders for project progress, problems and strategy.

TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES):

1. Responsible for strategy, implementation and evaluation of impact and relevance of the project activities, regarding humanitarian needs in the area of intervention.
2. Ensure that systems for public communication & access to information, including receipt of and responses to complaints and redress of grievances are established and functional.
3. Draw-up annual work plans and ensure the implementation of the approved work plans.
4. Ensure that the activities carried out in the project are in line with the objectives defined and the action plan.
5. Keep a close collaboration and follow up with the entire state project team.
6. Ensure there are sufficient and appropriate personnel with the right level of resources and other support needed for successful implementation of the project.
7. Keep in touch with key stakeholders including state government officials, NGOs, national and international organizations, civil and military authorities, as well as with other relevant sections of the society in the project area.
8. Negotiating collaboration and agreements between authorities at project level, always in coordination with SPMC.
9. Develops and maintains a detailed project schedule which includes administrative tasks and all sites involved in the project.
10. Coordinate meetings, including travel arrangements and expense reports.
11. Delegates tasks and responsibilities to appropriate personnel.
12. Identify and resolve issues and conflicts within the project team.
13. Develop and deliver progress reports, proposals, requirements documentation and presentations.
14. Coach, mentor, motivate and supervise project team members and contractors and influence them to take positive action and accountability for their assigned work.
15. Conduct project post mortem and create a recommendations report in order to identify successful and unsuccessful project elements.
16. Follow the AFD's specific financing eligibility requirements (AFD's legal and regulatory obligations with regard to procurement) for all the contracts co-financed by AFD

THE SHORTLISTING CRITERIA:

The State Project Coordinator (SPC) shall be selected based on paragraph 5.1 Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank'' dated January 2011. The shortlisting criteria is on the basis of the candidate's relevant experiences, qualifications and capability to discharge his/her responsibilities as SPC. The shortlisted candidate(s) shall be subjected to oral interview. *The full terms of reference is available on request at the address stated below.*

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE;

The Coordinator should have at least a good Bachelor's degree/Higher National Diploma in civil engineering/Agricultural Engineering or its equivalent and registered with COREN with at least 15years of relevant post qualification experience in road infrastructural development including 5 years working experience with World Bank, African Development Bank or other external assisted project(s). Masters/Post graduate degree in relevant discipline is an added advantage. The candidate must also have proven track record in infrastructural engineering/development and should have the ability to communicate and write effectively. Candidate must be computer literate and conversant with

the use of standard software applications. Candidate must have relevant experience in project management and operation in the road infrastructure sector.

Hard copies of the Curriculum Vitae/Expression of Interest should be submitted to the office of the Chairman State Project Monitoring Committee/Permanent Secretary, Bureau for Rural Development Owerri, Imo State between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm (Monday to Friday) not later than two (2) weeks from today. The CV should be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed as follows;

The Chairman/Permanent Secretary, State Project Monitoring Committee,
Bureau for Rural Development,
Block 5, Top-most Floor,
State Secretariat Complex,
Port-Harcourt Road Owerri, Imo State.
Mobile: +234 8033243074.

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit your application including your Curriculum Vitae and other relevant documents to the stipulated address.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March, 2021.