

In line with DOTC's aim of providing the people with Convenient, Affordable, Reliable, Efficient and Safe transport system, the Department is inviting qualified entities to participate in the OPEN and TRANSPARENT process for the procurement of technical support consultant.



Request for Expression of Interest for Technical Support Consultant for the **CEBU BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)**

The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), in cooperation with the Cebu City Government, will develop and construct a BRT System in Cebu, the first of its kind in the Philippines. It is modelled after the BRT systems in Bogotá in Colombia, Curitiba in Brazil, Seoul in South Korea and Guangzhou in the Republic of China. The Cebu BRT is a transport system with around 176 buses that will run through dedicated and exclusive bus-ways from Bulacao to Talamban in Cebu, with a link to Cebu's South Road Property, and will serve an estimated 330,000 passengers per day when it opens in 2018. The buses will also traverse Cebu City's business districts, residential areas, shopping centers and noted tourist locations. There will be 33 stations along the corridor and a bus will be made available at each station every two (2) to five (5) minutes.

The Republic of the Philippines has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Cebu BRT Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include technical support to the Project Implementation Unit ("PIU") and the National Program Management Office ("NPMO") for the project preparation and implementation of BRT Projects as well as the reform of road-based public transport in the Philippines. The Technical Support Consultant ("TSC") will provide expertise for an initial period of two years (2015-2017) covering the following areas:



- A. Project management;
- B. Public transport service planning, operations and management;
- C. Infrastructure design, traffic engineering, management and technology;
- D. Development and analysis of business models;
- E. Institutional development;
- F. Engagement with transport industry stakeholders;
- G. Environment and social impact and safeguard;
- H. Procurement; and
- I. Communications and consultations.

The pictures and descriptions herein are provided for information only. It is the responsibility of the prospective bidders to determine the general characteristics and conditions of the project(s) and examine the technical specifications/terms of reference and project requirements in the bidding documents. In the event of a conflict or discrepancy between the information in this invitation to bid and the bidding documents, the information in the latter shall prevail.

For further information, please refer to:

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Postings from 12 December 2014 at the PhilGEPS and DOTC Websites & Bulletin Board, and advertised at the Philippine Daily Inquirer on 12 December 2014.

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▶ The DOTC now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The short listing criteria are:

- A. Experience of the consulting firm in at least two (2) projects involving urban public transport planning and management; and
- B. Experience of the consulting firm in planning, implementing and launching a BRT system that is in operation.

▶ The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: 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*, Selection and Employment of Consultants, January 2011, (Consultant Guidelines) setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

▶ Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality – and Cost – Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

The Procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines on the Selection and Employment of Consultants (under the IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants) by World Bank Borrowers issued on January 2011 will be applied in the short-listing of eligible consultants.

▶ Expressions of Interest must be delivered in written form to the address provided on or before 05 January 2015 at 3:00 PM. Expressions of Interest may be submitted in person, by mail, fax, or e-mail. Please refer to the opposite box for details.