REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)

**Republic of Kazakhstan**

**Development Project Highway “East-West” (the Site of Almaty-Khorgos) International Transit Corridor “Western Europe-Western China” (CAREC-1b)**

Loan No.:P 128050

Assignment Title: **Individual specialist – Grievance Co-ordinator and Environmental Specialist**

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The Republic of Kazakhstan has applied for a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of proposed new East - West Roads Project: Western Europe-Western China International Transit Corridor (CAREC 1b & 6b).The Project is part of the Government program to upgrade of the road corridor from China to Russia through Almaty, Shymkent, Kyzylorda and Aktobe cities (the Western Europe-Western China Corridor—WE-WCC—about 2787km). The Government intends to apply part of the proceeds of the loan from World Bank to finance consultancy services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) to perform administration of contracts and maintain procurement of works, goods and services within the procurement sector for the

reconstruction (construction) of 4 lanes road with cement concrete payment.

The Committee for Roads Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan now invites eligible individual consultants(“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 shortlisting criteria are: description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, years of experience and etc.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 1.9 and 1.11 of the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers*dated January 2011(“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest and eligibility.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the International Competitive Bidding methodset out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09.00 a.m. till 18.00 p.m.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the Ms. Raushan Tayenova Head of the Board for Investment Project Preparation (address below) by **03.00 p.m.   
July12, 2013.**

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**Terms of Reference for the selection of Individual Consultant**

**Title: Grievance Co-ordinator and Environmental Specialist**

**Project Title:** **East-West Roads Project (Almaty-Khorgos Section): Western Europe-Western China International Transit Corridor (CAREC1b)**

**Qualification:**

He/she should be preferably a university graduate in environmental engineering, civil construction engineering or science, (preferably environmental sciences) and shall have proven professional environmental track record;

He/she should have experience in environmental impact assessment, and monitoring of environment safeguards in road projects as well as experience in carrying out social impact assessment, poverty and social analysis (PSA), and monitoring and evaluating compliance of road projects with social safeguards. He/she should have proven continuous experience with at least 2 projects funded by World Bank or ADB in last 5 years.

**Duration of assignment:**

**22 months.**

The total project duration is 30 months. Out of this the contract specialist intermittent input has been considered for 22 months. The Customer will inform well in advance as and when require the input from the contract specialist.

**General responsibilities of the Grievance Co-ordinator and Environment Specialist:**

He/she will be responsible for assisting to the Committee for roads regarding Evaluation of environmental impacts, all environment-related issues of this project, Social development activity manage and coordinate the update, implementation and monitoring of the approved Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan (LARP/s) as required by the loan agreement and review an External Monitoring Agency (EMA) on behalf of Committee for Roads. He has to carry other tasks on environmental and/or social matters which may be delegated in writing by the Committee for Roads. The details responsibilities/Scopes are as described below.

**Scope of work:**

1. Manage and coordinate the update, implementation and monitoring of an Initial Environmental Examination or Environmental Impact Assessment (IEE/EIA) as required by the Financing Framework Agreement (FFA) and loan agreement.
2. Establish the internal monitoring system on the project’s environmental, social and resettlement issues and advise and assist the Customer to address those issues.
3. If required he/she will coordinate with relevant parties, including civil society organizations, on environment requirements of the Project.
4. Closely monitor project sites against any unexpected environmental impacts and contractor’s compliance with recommendations of the EMA.
5. Advise contractor, PMC on environmental issues and/or requirements, and recommend mitigation measures
6. Review the report on EMP implementation, contractors’ compliance and report from Consultant on environment-related issues
7. If site specific requirement than have to take part in project performance monitoring and evaluation activities, develop key indicators, and perform surveys.
8. To review, manage and coordinate the update, implementation and monitoring of the approved Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plans (LARPs) as prescribed by the FFA and loan agreement.
9. Set up, monitor and manage redress and grievance mechanism for project activities
10. Review and monitor contractors' compliance with labor laws, land acquisition and resettlement frameworks and plans and assist the Customer.
11. Advise MOTC on social safeguard/resettlement issues/requirements, and recommend mitigation measures.
12. Issue the Instruction to the Contractor, consultant for environmental and social issues.
13. Review the Poverty and Social Analysis (PSA) developed by the Contractor, consultant or any other agency and provide comments.

Assist the MOTC in addressing the comments/recommendations provided by Auditors or funding agency.

**Reporting**

The Consultant will be accountable to the Committee for Roads and to the Team Leader. The consultant will submit monthly report on his work progress.