

# INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

## Project No. 60009-001: Upgradation of Pakistan Railways Main Line-1 (Karachi-Rohri Section) Project

### Implementing Agency: Pakistan Railways, Government of Pakistan

### Package No. PR/ML-1/Cons-1

1. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is considering financing the proposed Upgradation of Pakistan Railways Main Line-1 (Karachi-Rohri Section) Project. The project will upgrade approximately 480 km of the Karachi-Rohri section of ML-1, including civil and track works, bridges and culverts, stations and yards, and signaling and telecommunications systems. The Ministry of Railways (MoR) will be the Executing Agency (EA), while Pakistan Railways (PR) will be the Implementing Agency (IA) through the established Project Implementation Unit (PIU).

2. The project requires Consultancy Services for **Project Management and Construction Supervision** for the ML-1 Karachi-Rohri (approximately 480 km) Upgradation Project. The main objective of the assignment is to engage one unified Project Management and Construction Supervision Consultant (PMSCS) to support the PIU in overall project implementation and to provide centralized oversight across the multiple civil/track works along with one signaling and telecommunication package. The civil works packages will be executed under the FIDIC Red Book (2017), while the Signaling and Telecommunications (S&T) works will be executed under the FIDIC Yellow Book. The PMSCS's principal responsibilities will include: (i) project management, planning, scheduling, monitoring and reporting; (ii) construction supervision, quality assurance and quality control, including certification of works; (iii) procurement support and contract administration (iv) review of signalling and telecom design which will be prepared and submitted by the relevant contractor; (v) review of contractor submissions and management of variations, claims and disputes; (vi) interface coordination between civil works and railway systems packages, including works under live railway operating conditions; (vii) environmental and social safeguard implementation and monitoring, health and safety, and risk management; (viii) institutional capacity building and knowledge transfer to Pakistan Railways.

3. The PIU, PR hereby invites EOI from reputed international consulting firms and/or in association with national firms. The shortlisted consultant will be recruited using Full Technical Proposal (FTP) under Quality- and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) with an 80:20 quality-cost ratio, in accordance with the *ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time)* and the *Procurement Directive for ADB Borrowers: Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services (2026, as amended from time to time)*. Details of the assignment are given in the table below:

| Expert Input/Person-months for Key Staff |          |       | Expected Date of Commencement | Duration of the Assignment | ADB Review | Advertising   |
|------------------------------------------|----------|-------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------|
| International                            | National | Total |                               |                            |            |               |
| 612                                      | 650      | 1262  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2027  | 72 months*                 | Prior      | International |

\*Duration of the assignment covers the mobilization, implementation, defect liability and maintenance phases.

*The Terms of Reference (TOR) can be downloaded from ADB websites (<http://cms.adb.org>).*

4. The PMSCS will provide unified project management and construction supervision for all project packages through an appropriate mix of international and national experts. Particular emphasis under **Technical Competence** will be placed on the firm's demonstrated experience in ADB-financed projects, FIDIC contract administration, and successful delivery of large and complex railway or comparable transport infrastructure projects.

Interested firms should also demonstrate relevant experience in live railway construction supervision, multi-contract and civil/railway-systems interface management, claims and dispute management, and environmental and social safeguards. The following shortlisting criteria have been formulated for the evaluation:-

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| i)   | Technical Competence    | 60 Marks |
| ii)  | Management Competence   | 20 Marks |
| iii) | Geographical Experience | 20 Marks |

5. The EOI must be submitted online via the ADB's Consultant Management System (CMS). The EOI must be submitted using the online template in CMS not later than **21st October 2026 (following Manila, Philippines Time)**. Access to the online Request for Expression of Interest may be reached through the link to Consultant Services Recruitment Notices (CSRN) available at [www.adb.org/site/business-opportunities/operational-procurement/consulting](http://www.adb.org/site/business-opportunities/operational-procurement/consulting). A firm wishing to submit an EOI must be registered with the CMS. CMS registration is accessible at <http://cms.adb.org>. Any proposed associate firms, sub consultants, or joint venture partners must also be registered with CMS. Any firm encountering technical problems in accessing CMS should request assistance by email to [cmshelp@adb.org](mailto:cmshelp@adb.org).

6. This advertisement is also available at Pakistan Railway and PPRA websites [www.pakrail.gov.pk](http://www.pakrail.gov.pk) and [www.ppra.gov.pk](http://www.ppra.gov.pk).

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