



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Country:	Independent State of Samoa
Name of Project:	Samoa Aviation and Roads Investment Project (SARIP)
Grant No.:	IDA-E0080
Assignment Title:	Updating of the Samoa Aviation Sector Strategy for MWTI & SAA Masterplan & Review of the Civil Aviation Act
Reference No.:	SAA/CONS/002-3

1. The Government of Samoa has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Samoa Aviation and Roads Investment Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for aviation investment activities.
2. The consulting services (“the Services”) include the **Updating of the Samoa Aviation Sector Strategy for MWTI & SAA Masterplan & Review of the Civil Aviation Act.**
3. The objectives of the assignment are to:
 - (i) Review and update the existing National Aviation Sector Strategy (NASS) 2018
 - (ii) Review and update of the existing Samoa Airport Authority’s Masterplan and Business Strategy; and
 - (iii) Review of the Civil Aviation Act 1998.
4. The assignment will be separated into three (3) phases. Following the completion of Phase 1, Phase 2 and 3 will be carried out simultaneously. The three phases are:
 - (i) Phase 1 – Review and update of the NASS 2018 (*MWTI lead*).
 - (ii) Phase 2 – Review and update of the SAA Masterplan and Business Strategy 2018 (*SAA lead*).
 - (iii) Phase 3 – Review of the Civil Aviation Act 1998 (*MWTI lead*).
5. The Samoa Airport Authority (“SAA”) thereby invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide sufficient information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The Consultant will be a firm or JV that meet the following shortlisting criteria, with significant demonstrable experience in:
 - i. air transport sector policy and planning, including economic analysis and financing;
 - ii. the aviation industry and Pacific travel markets;
 - iii. the Pacific air transport regulatory environment and review of relevant legal frameworks;
 - iv. airport infrastructure, airport master planning & development;
 - v. similar developing country contexts, particularly small island developing states; and
 - vi. availability of technical personnel to perform the services.

6. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment *can be found at the following website: www.samoairports.ws or can be obtained at the address given below.*

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7. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14,3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016, revised in November 2020, setting forth the World Bank’s Policy on conflict of interest.

8. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations in paragraph (6).

9. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture (“JV”) and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a JV, all partners in the JV shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. During the evaluation of EOI’s, only the leading firm’s experience will be used to evaluate eligible consultants. Unless a JV intention is declared by both parties, any subconsultants’ or sub-partners’ experience, will not be evaluated at the EOI stage.

10. Only those firms shortlisted will be sent a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide a Technical and Financial Proposal for the services, at a date and time determined by SAA. Any shortlisted firms intending to form a JV at the EOI stage, must have the JV registered before the Technical and Financial Proposals are submitted, at a time and date confirmed by SAA.

11. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from **Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 17.00pm Samoan time.**

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12. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **5.00pm Samoan local time on 08th of July, 2024 to:**

Ms Rusetaneti Taaloga
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(Please clearly write the Name of the Activity on the top of the envelope and/or email subject: "EOI Submission for SAA/CONS/002/003 - Updating of the Samoa Aviation Sector Strategy for MWTI & SAA Masterplan & Review of the Civil Aviation Act")

13. The Government of Samoa and/or the World Bank will declare a firm ineligible either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract financed by the Government of Samoa and/or the World Bank respectively, if it at any time determines that the firm has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent, coercive or collusive practices in competing for or in executing a contract. Please refer to Attachment 1 'The Bank's Policy on Fraud and Corruption.

Sincerely,



Tumanuvao Evile Falefatu
GENERAL MANAGER
SAMOA AIRPORT AUTHORITY