

Procurement Notice

Procurement Reference: HVT/034

Improving Access to Private Sector Finance for Road and Rail Transport Infrastructure in Low-Income Countries

The Applied Research Programme in High Volume Transport (HVT) is a five-year programme funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). The objective of the programme is to strengthen the evidence base that will support increased access to transport services, more affordable trade routes, and safer, low carbon transport in low income countries.

IMC Worldwide Ltd invites Research Suppliers to submit a proposal to provide services in accordance with the Terms of Reference for assignment **HVT/034** under the High Volume Transport Programme.

Adequate and good quality transport infrastructure is universally recognised as a key element for economic growth and societal development, but Africa is poorly served compared to South Asia and other developing regions. This study will assist the governments of low-income countries in Africa and South Asia in exploring opportunities to increase private sector participation to expand the quantity, and to improve the quality, of road and rail transport.

This call seeks a Research Supplier to carry out a study that will bring together the key evidence-based technical, commercial, political and institutional issues, to give financiers, technocrats and public sector officials, a set of policy, strategy and practical guidelines. These guidelines will improve their understanding, collaboration, and decision-making in the financing, delivery and management of road and rail transport. This procurement is open to all eligible Suppliers in accordance with the provisions of the Request for Proposal and will be conducted on an open competitive basis.

The closing date for submission of proposals is **23rd October 2020 at 21.00 BST**. The expected date for the commencement of the Services is approximately January 2021.

The selection of Research Suppliers will be on the basis of a combination of the technical and financial scores achieved following a **4-stage evaluation process**. The technical points score will receive a 90% weighting and the financial points score a 10% weighting. A minimum technical score of 70 points will be required to ensure further consideration of the proposal.

To request the dossier of tender documents, please send an email to HVTprocurement@imcworldwide.com stating the above procurement reference number and clearly stating the name of the company requesting the documents.

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