



ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY



**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE TRADE AND
INDUSTRY**

**NOTICE OF EARLY MARKET ENGAGEMENT REHABILITATION OF THE
SERENJETO MPIKA ROAD PACKAGES 1 & 2 AND UPGRADE OF THE NAKONDE
ONE-STOP BORDER POST LOT 2-REVISED**

COUNTRY: Zambia

PROJECT NAME: Transport Corridors for Economic Resilience (TRACER)

PROJECT ID: P180801

IDA GRANT NO: E2930 ZM

FINANCING: World Bank Group

PROJECT COMPONENTS: Road Infrastructure and Border Facility development

EVENT ARRANGEMENT: Hybrid (in person and Virtual)

CLIENTS: Road Development Agency and the Ministry of Commerce Trade and Industry

REF: INVITATION TO EARLY MARKET ENGAGEMENT

1. Purpose of Notice

This Early Market Engagement (EME) notice is issued to inform potential contractors, consultants, and suppliers of the upcoming procurement opportunities under the Transport Corridors for Economic Resilience Project (TRACER). The Road Development Agency (RDA) jointly with the Ministry of Commerce Trade and Industry, with support from the World Bank, intends to undertake the following:

- (i) Rehabilitation of the Serenje to Mpika Road a strategic link under the Kapiri Mposhi (Zambia) to Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) Corridor (Packages 1 and 2); and
- (ii) Upgrading of the Nakonde One Stop Border Post Infrastructure.

2. Objectives of the engagement

- (i) Inform the market of the upcoming procurement opportunities.
- (ii) Seek feedback on technical, logistical, and implementation aspects.
- (iii) Promote transparency and competition in line with World Bank Procurement Regulations.
- (iv) Identify potential interest from qualified firms and consortia

3. Under scope of upcoming procurements

a. Serenje to Mpika Road Project

Package No.	Reference No.	Road Section	Scope	Cost Estimate
1	ZM-RDA-455353-CW-RFB	Serenje to Chito Primary Sch – 117km	Full rehabilitation	US\$75 million
2	ZM-RDA-455786-CW-RFB	Chito Primary Sch to Mpika – 117km	Full rehabilitation	US\$75 million

b. Nakonde OSBP

Project ID	Project Name	Lot	Scope	Cost Estimate
ZM-MCTI-449441-CW-RFP	Re-development of the Nakonde One Stop Border Post (Passenger Terminal)	2	Full rehabilitation and upgrade	US\$ 19.6 million

4. Timeline for the Procurement Process

The activities timeline for early market engagement and procurement process is given hereafter, where the procurement process is subjected to some amendments.

Activity	Timeline
Deadline for submission of interest to attend the EME	December 15, 2025
EME workshop date	December 18, 2025, 9:30 AM CAT
Estimated Date for publication for bid invitation on client and WB website	December 29, 2025
Deadline for bids submissions	February 20, 2026
Anticipated award date	April 17, 2026
Contract signing date	April 24, 2026

5. Format of Engagement

i. **Venue and Mode:** Hybrid format – sessions will be held physically at Pamodzi Hotel and virtually to ensure inclusive participation. The meeting link will be shared upon registration as indicated in section 4 (ii) below.

ii. Date: December 18, 2025, 9:30 am CAT

6. Shared Documents

Shared Documents for Early Market Engagement The documents shared for early market engagement which are listed below can be obtained from the following

websites: www.rda.org.zm, and www.mcti.gov.zm or can be requested via the email addresses given below.

- Annex-1: Details of indicative upcoming procurement packages.
- Annex-2: Technical requirement
- Annex-3: Proposed evaluation criteria/weightings
- Annex-4: Contract Conditions

7. Participation Instructions

i. Eligibility:

The EME is a non-evaluative, pre-procurement consultation open to interested and eligible firms and consortia with demonstrated expertise and experience in road rehabilitation works and building redevelopment works.

ii. Registration:

Interested parties should register by sending an email to:

The Chief Procurement Manager

Road Development Agency

Email: ssimweleba@roads.gov.zm, mtembo@roads.gov.zm

Phone: +260 970 122656

The Head of Procurement

Ministry of Commerce Trade and Industry

Email: clement.Mukuka@mcti.gov.zm

Phone: +260 979 939852

The registration email should include:

- Company name, country of registration, and website
- Primary contact person(s) and email(s)
- Brief company profile highlighting relevant expertise
- Indication of interest (Package 1, Package 2, Package 3 or all the three)
- Preferred mode of participation (Physical or Virtual)

5. Confidentiality & Ethics

All information shared during this EME is preliminary and subject to change. Participants must adhere to the highest standards of integrity, avoid conflicts of interest, and refrain from offering gifts or inducements. All discussions are non-binding. The Road Development Agency and the Ministry of Commerce Trade and Industry looks forward to the participation of interested, eligible qualified firms as defined in the Procurement Regulations IPF.

Note: Participation in this EME is not a precondition for subsequent bidding, nor does it confer any competitive advantage or obligation. All future procurement will be conducted in accordance with the World Bank Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing (IPF) for Borrowers 5th Edition September 2023 edition ("Procurement Regulations).