

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

INSPECTION OF REMANUFACTURED SHUNTING LOCOMOTIVES

DAI Global is issuing this Expression of Interest (EOI) for a Third Party Inspection of up to ten (10) Remanufactured Shunting Locomotives - 1435mm Gauge and 1520mm Gauge.

BACKGROUND

The Ukraine Economic Resilience Activity (ERA or the “Activity”) has been working in Ukraine to strengthen the economy and improve the resilience of businesses and communities since 2018 and will run through August 2026. USAID ERA has a new mandate to facilitate the export of grains from Ukraine to the global market and improve the capacity of Ukraine’s cargo trade through western border routes.

DAI, the implementer of the USAID ERA project has issued a Request for Proposal for Offerors to submit proposals to supply up to 10 remanufactured shunting locomotives from European Locomotive suppliers or remanufacturing companies to support program implementation. The remanufactured shunting locomotives will help USAID ERA beneficiary companies provide the necessary capacity for cargo handling to increase the processed goods quantity and export volume of agricultural products from Ukraine. After the equipment is identified, a third-party inspection is mandatory prior to requesting USAID for a waiver to purchase remanufactured equipment. Following the release of this EOI and the evaluation of the procurement of remanufactured shunting locomotives, ERA will release a formal solicitation for the procurement of Third-Party Inspection of these forementioned locomotives.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

This EOI is intended to solicit interest and invite potential companies that can provide third-party inspection of remanufactured or new locomotives to present their conclusions to USAID ERA. These presentations will help the Activity to finalize its solicitation, including the inspection details.

1. The scope of work is anticipated to include the inspection of the following:

| Inspection Items | Condition | Year | Number of hours | Level of use | Validation of movement and start up |
|---|-----------|------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Diesel engine (specify) | | | | | |
| Electric Generators/motors | | | | | |
| Wheelsets, Axles & Bogies | | | | | |
| Braking System | | | | | |
| Main Frame/Platform and Fabrications | | | | | |
| Electrical Wiring & Control System | | | | | |
| Air Compressor, Reservoir & System | | | | | |
| Belts, Hoses, Fixtures and Fittings, Connectors | | | | | |
| Operator Control Cabin | | | | | |
| Light fabricated structures, Covers | | | | | |
| Coupling Assemblies | | | | | |
| Final Drive System | | | | | |
| Sandbox | | | | | |
| Lubrication | | | | | |
| Safety and Emergency Systems | | | | | |
| Fuel & Oil tanks | | | | | |

2. Review of Technical Manuals and Maintenance Manuals, Other:

- The Respondent shall review service records and maintenance records for major services per the manufacturer's recommendations.

Additionally, inspector shall verify adherence to

- Paint and decals requirements, and Conformance to Regulatory and Certification requirements for use on the Ukrainian rail network
- Conformance to commercial terms and bid (warranty, delivery, service etc.).

3. Final Report:

The Respondent shall submit a final report and provide a recommendation to purchase or not purchase the locomotives.

RESPONSE SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

The deadline for responding to this EOI is **April 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Kyiv, Ukraine time**. Responses received after the deadline will not be reviewed and will be discarded by DAI, subject to the discretion of the project's management. Responses may be emailed to ProcurementERAInbox@dai.com. Please address the subject of the email "Expression of Interest –Third-party Inspection of Remanufactured Shunting Locomotives."

DAI will only respond to written questions regarding this EOI through the email address ProcurementERAInbox@dai.com and any questions must be submitted by **April 15, 2024, at 5:00 pm Kyiv, Ukraine time**.

All information provided by companies in response to this EOI will be treated confidentially. DAI will not use the information in any other context or setting and we will not reveal details to other parties.

Respondents must be licensed and legally organized businesses, organizations, or firms.

OBLIGATIONS

DAI will not reimburse respondents for the costs incurred with preparing a response, nor does the issuance of this EOI obligate DAI to award a subcontract or purchase order. If a respondent is found to have made false or misleading claims or statements, obtained confidential information, or received improper assistance, DAI reserves the right to reject its EOI or one submitted on its behalf.

FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

Respondents are expected to submit an introductory letter or email and demonstrate their ability to conduct third party inspection of equipment such as remanufactured shunting locomotives, including methodology, timeline, etc. In screening EOIs, the Activity will review the materials submitted, websites and information on past performance illustrating relevant experience completing the required service.

ERA will organize a conference call among interested vendors. At this conference, **each interested company will be asked to give a short (not to exceed 10-minute) presentation on its company and their relevant (at least 10 years) experience conducting inspections/appraisals of used equipment.**

PROHIBITED TECHNOLOGY

Interested providers MUST NOT provide any goods and/or services that utilize telecommunications and video surveillance products from the following companies: Huawei Technologies Company, ZTE Corporation, Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, Dahua Technology Company, or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof, in compliance with FAR 52.204-25.

CLARIFICATION OF SUBMISSIONS

DAI may require a respondent to submit additional information to better judge a response. Companies shall respond to this EOI in English.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FORMAT

EOIs must include the following.

1. Introductory letter with vendor/Company Information

Each EOI must include an introductory letter that has:

- Contact Information: Company name, address, and contact person information,
- Background of the Company: Form of incorporation (corporation, partnership, etc.), number of years in business, name of managing director, experience of similar services.

2. Technical Approach

EOI respondents shall include the following:

- Feasibility and technical approach to inspection of remanufactured locomotives.
- Illustrative examples of similar previous work, including a brief description of the work methodology.
- Expected timeline of work.

3. Client/Past Performance References

EOI respondents are encouraged to submit information about three similar clients/services:

- Client name and point of contact name.
- Contact number, address, and email address.
- Scope of works and services.