

Republic of Iraq
Ministry of Transportation
Ministry of Construction, Housing, and Public Municipalities (MOCHPM)

INVITATION

Early Market Engagement (EME) Workshop
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For the
Iraq Transport Economic Corridors Project (ITREC)

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Response Deadline: November 1st, 2026

Scope: Covering Civil Works and Consultancy Services Packages for:

- ❖ Expressway No. 2 (Baghdad – Samarra Section approx.100 km), and
- ❖ Priority Road Corridors in the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG): (i) Sulaymaniyah–Chamchamal–Kirkuk Road (50 km) and (ii) Girsheen–Suhaila Road (22 km, including the Girsheen Interchange)

1. Background

The Government of Iraq has applied to receive a US\$900 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to finance the Iraq Transport Economic Corridors (ITREC) Project, the first phase of a Series of Projects under the Government's Iraq Development Roads (IDR) agenda. The Project Development Objective is to enhance the connectivity, resilience, safety, and institutional sustainability of Iraq's priority road transport infrastructure and create jobs in transport and related sectors.

ITREC Phase 1 will finance: (i) the design, construction, and performance-based operation and maintenance of a new greenfield Expressway No. 2 (E2) between Baghdad and Samarra (~100 km) and an associated feeder road (~10 km); and (ii) the rehabilitation, upgrading, and performance-based maintenance of approximately 72 km of priority road corridors in the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) area. The Roads and Bridges Directorate (RBD), through its Project Management Team (PMT)—comprising from the RBD-Baghdad and members from the Ministry of Construction and Housing of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG)—intends to procure these works through Output and Performance-Based Road Contracts (OPBRCs), and to separately engage independent engineering consulting firms to act as "Engineer" for design review, construction supervision, ESHS oversight, contract management, and performance verification on each package.

This in-person, hybrid Early Market Engagement (EME) workshop follows an earlier virtual EME conference held in February 2026, the outcomes of which have been reflected in the Project's Procurement Strategy for Development (PPSD). This session is intended to engage the market directly ahead of the launch of the formal procurement process.

2. Scope of Work — Packages Covered

Four packages are covered under this EME, grouped into two corridors as summarized below. Full technical scope, staffing, and specifications will be presented in detail during the workshop.

Package	Type	Scope	Indicative Duration
1	E2: Civil Works (Contractor)	Request for Bids (RFB) Output and Performance-Based Road Contracts (OPBRC)-With or Without Prequalification, for 100 km greenfield E2 mainline (Baghdad–Samarra) including operations & maintenance.	5-yr construction + PBC maintenance
2	KRG: Civil Works (Contractor)	Two standalone OPBRC civil works packages: Sulaymaniyah–Chamchamal–Kirkuk Road (50 km) and Girsheen–Suhaila Road (22 km) including construction of the Girsheen Interchange. Each includes 2-yr rehabilitation / upgrading + 5-yr O&M.	7 yrs per contract

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3	E2: Consultancy	Independent engineering consultancy ("Engineer") for design-build review, construction supervision, ESHS oversight, contract management, and OPBRC performance verification for the E2 package.	7 yrs (5-yr construction + 2-yr O&M oversight)
4	KRG: Consultancy	Independent engineering consultancy ("Engineer") for design validation, construction supervision, ESHS oversight, contract management, and OPBRC performance verification for the two KRG corridors, with two site teams under a shared Team Leader.	7 yrs per contract (2-yr construction + 5-yr O&M)

3. Objectives of the EME Workshop

The primary objectives of this Early Market Engagement are to:

- Inform prospective civil works contractors and engineering consulting firms about the scope, structure, and anticipated timeline of the four packages described above.
- Present the applicable World Bank procurement regulations, selection methods, and process for each package.
- Gauge market capacity, availability, and interest ahead of the finalization of bidding documents and Requests for Proposals/ Bids (RFPs/RFBs).
- Provide an opportunity for prospective bidders/ consultants to raise preliminary questions on the packages, to be explored further through the workshop presentations and, where relevant, one-on-one discussions.

Note: Contract packaging and structuring for these packages has already been determined through the Project Procurement Strategy for Development (PPSD) and is not open for reconsideration through this EME. A detailed technical questionnaire may be issued separately following the workshop.

4. Applicable Procurement Framework and Procurement Documents

Procurement will be conducted in accordance with the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, 7th edition, dated September 2025.

- **Civil Works — E2 (Package 1) and KRG (Package 2):**
to be procured via the World Bank's Request for Bids (RFB) Output and Performance-Based Road Contracts (OPBRC)-With or Without Prequalification, Single stage - 2 Envelops . Procurement document <https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/833664420e7e30cce5e6eb9b40da552d-0290012025/original/SPD-RFB-Roads-Output-and-Performace-Based-Road-Contract-without-SEA-SH-Feb-2025.docx>
- **Consultancy Services — E2 and KRG (Packages 3 & 4):** to be procured via the World Bank's Request for Proposals (RFP) -Consulting Services for Supervision of infrastructure contracts <https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/c0f1ab1ae0a09e1fe8516e28f7dc9d54-0290012025/original/SPD-RFP-Consulting-services-supervision-Feb-2025.docx?utm>

Note: all procurement document links must point to the World Bank's public document repository (thedocs.worldbank.org), which is accessible to external bidders.

The Market's feedback is specifically sought on the proposed selection methods above, including the use of Single-Stage / Two- envelops procedures with/without Pre-Qualification or Initial Selection (PQ/IS), and on bidders'/consultants' interest in participating under these arrangements.

5. Important Notes

- There shall be no financial or legal obligation whatsoever on the part of MOCHPM / RBD arising from this Early Market Engagement (EME).
- This process is undertaken on a preliminary and non-binding basis and remains subject to the approval and allocation of the 2026 Federal Budget Law, or any subsequent legislation enacted in substitution thereof, and in accordance with the agreed framework between the Government of Iraq and the World Bank.
- This procedure does not constitute prequalification, shortlisting, or preferential treatment of any contractor or consulting firm.
- Project components and technical scope remain pre-final and subject to further review and modification prior to official bidding.

6. Meeting Details, Logistics, and Registration

The EME workshop will be held over two days, in a hybrid format (face-to-face in Erbil, Iraq, and online via Zoom):

- **Day 1: 9/11/2026 — General session for Works companies**
- Session 1 (morning): Expressway No. 2 (E2) and KR Civil Works Contractors.
- Session 2 (afternoon): One-on-one meetings: in-person meetings for companies wishing to discuss specific packages in more detail.
- KRG Priority Road Corridors: Civil Works Contractors, followed by Consultancy Services.
- **Day 2: 10/11/2026 — General session for Consulting firms companies.** Session 1 (morning): Supervisions services for Expressway No. 2 (E2) and KR
- Session 2 (afternoon): One-on-one meetings: in-person meetings for companies wishing to discuss specific packages in more detail.

Venue: IRAQ, Erbil - Hotel: **Divan Erbil Hotel**

Zoom Link: <https://worldbankgroup.zoom.us/j/97805045773?pwd=AZbExpvLXtqKhWFsGqlgF27nRcAbQb.1>

Please confirm receipt of this invitation by email by 1/11/2026, indicating: (i) whether you intend to participate in person or virtually; (ii) which package(s) and session(s) are of interest; and (iii) whether you wish to schedule a one-on-one meeting.

7. Contact Information for Submissions and Inquiries

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