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To Whom It May Concern

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Dear Sir / Madam

MR FLORIN NICULESCU

This is to certify that **Florin Niculescu** acted on behalf of **Parsons Brinckerhoff** in securing and carrying out a Framework Commission for the EU in 2005.

The title of the Commission was:

Assistance To Implement New Safety Aspects Of The Eu Legislation In The Field Of Road Transport - Safety Measures In Linear Villages.

Extracts from the terms of reference are set out below:

The beneficiary of the project is the **Romanian National Company of Motorways and National Roads SA**. The objective is to prepare an investment support grant scheme to be financed out of Phare 2004 funds, for safety measures in the so-called "linear villages", i.e. villages that extend along the length of a (major) road and whose inhabitants are at particular risk of road accidents.

Under this assignment, the Consultant will assist RNCMNR and will have the following tasks:

1. Preparation of an information package for the local authorities, including:
 - a. The typical safety measures catalogue prepared under Phare 2001 project, which is likely to include: traffic calming measures, footways for pedestrian, cycle paths, special markings, traffic signs, pedestrian and disable facilities, lighting, other kinds of traffic engineering measures.
 - b. The selection criteria;
 - c. The application form (to be designed in a very simple, user-friendly manner).
2. Organisation of a dissemination seminar for the interested local authorities, which will clarify the scope of the project and will guide the potential applicants with advises and best practice examples. The Consultant shall be responsible for the organisation of the seminar and shall cover out of the contract budget the costs for the seminar hall, seminar catering, presentation equipment and materials, etc. The travel and (eventual) accommodation costs shall be under the responsibility of the participants.



3. Evaluation of the applications received and proposing a short-list of applications (linear villages).

The Consultant shall evaluate all the applications received against the eligibility and selection criteria and shall prepare an evaluation report, recommending a ranking of the applications in terms of priority against the criteria and a consequent shortlist of localities where investments will be financed.

The final decision shall be taken by the Steering Committee, on the basis of the Consultant's report and recommendations.

4. Establishment of a proper mechanism for the implementation of linear villages project.
5. Preparation of Terms of Reference for a further TA assignment focused on the actual implementation of the investment scheme.

The Expert will produce the following outputs:

1. The information package for the local authorities;
2. The dissemination seminar;
3. An evaluation report on applications received;
4. The recommended short list of applications,
5. Proposals for a proper mechanism for the implementation of linear villages project.
6. ToR for further assistance.

Florin Niculescu represented Parsons Brinckerhoff in all these matters. He assisted in preparing the original Offer for Services to the EU, and on the successful procurement of the commission he led the team in all aspects of the tasks required.

He also managed our subconsultants in their specific tasks, and organised and ran the seminar as described in section 2 of the TOR above.

He liaised regularly with our client, the beneficiaries and the police, and undertook the administration of the project on a day to day basis, including facilitating a change in the programme necessitated by the late submission of applications by the beneficiaries.

The project was delivered in a timely and successful manner, and Parsons Brinckerhoff is grateful to Mr Niculescu for his effective management of the work.

Yours sincerely
Parsons Brinckerhoff



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