

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

MOLDOVA

Local Roads Improvement Project (LRIP) P150357

Assignment Title: Procurement of Project Management Consultancy Services

Reference No.: LRIP/CS/01

Assignment description:

The Government of the Republic of Moldova has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **Local Roads Improvement Project in Moldova**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include assistance in the implementation of the Local Roads Improvement Project that will provide safe and sustainable local road accessibility to education, health, and market facilities along selected corridors. The civil works consist of rehabilitation and upgrading of about 300 km of priority local roads. The works will be carried out in phases during five years of project life within the available budget of US Dollars 75 million.

The project will be implemented under the general supervision and responsibility of the Ministry of Transport and Road Infrastructure (MTRI), who will execute the project through the State Road Administration (SRA) as the direct executing agency.

The Services will be carried out under the following 3 tasks:

- Task 1: Project Management
- Task 2: Institutional Strengthening
- Task 3: Training

Task 1: Project Management. The aim of the consultancy services for this task is to assist the SRA to identify, prepare, procure and implement rehabilitation/improvement projects for local roads. The Consultant's assignment under Task 1 includes the following:

- (a) Project management support to SRA
- (b) Procurement support to SRA
- (c) Monitoring and evaluation support to SRA
- (d) Development of Local Road Planning, Design, Construction and Maintenance Manual
- (e) Introduction of Manual for 2nd Phase works

Task 2: Institutional Strengthening. This task involves assistance for the reform of local roads management in Moldova and strengthening the capacity of the SRA and the Local Public Authorities (LPAs) to manage the local road network. It includes support in roads and financial management to ensure that monies are allocated appropriately among local roads and that suitable reporting mechanism are put in place to assess the effectiveness of this spending. The Consultant's assignment under Task 2 includes the following:

- (a) Build Capacity for Reform of Local Roads Management
- (b) Develop and Implement Local Roads Planning, Design, Construction and Maintenance Procedures
- (c) Support the implementation of Local Roads Asset Management System
- (d) Support the implementation of Local Roads Performance-Based Maintenance Contracts

- (e) Support Local Roads Safety Programme
- (f) Support the SRA and LPAs in Local Roads management responsibilities to ensure suitable levels of service

Task 3: Training. The Consultant's scope of work includes the provision of specific training for the Project. In the general training activities will include:

- (a) Institutional & Operational Analysis
- (b) Training Needs/Experience Gap Analysis
- (c) Development of Training Programmes for SRA and LPA

Assignment start and duration:

It is envisaged that the assignment will commence in mid 2016 with the total duration of approximately 60 months.

Requirements for EOIs:

The State Road Administration now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) may be submitted by a firm, association, or a joint venture. For short-listing purposes, the combined experience of an association or a joint venture will be evaluated although the qualifications of the lead firm will be given a greater weight.

The EOI should provide the following information:

1. Company Profile;

- Company profile, core business, staffing levels, annual turnover:
- Details of firm's/association's/joint venture's standard quality policies, procedures and practices:
- Name, qualifications and relevant experience of firm's director or manager who will assume overall responsibility for the firm's, association's or joint venture's team coordination, management and output:
- Specific details of firm's/association's/joint venture's procedures to ensure quality of its performance over the life of this assignment including management coordination and role of each firm.

2. Company Experience

Provide up to 10 projects references in similar assignments, undertaken in the previous five (5) years, which the firm/association/joint venture considers best illustrate its experience relevant to the assignment, to include the following details:

- Project title, and narrative description of the project;
- Contractual role of the firm;
- Detailed description of the actual services provided by the firm
- Name of firm's senior staff (Project/Coordinator, Team Leader) involved and functions performed;
- Number of staff and number of person-months of professional staff provided by the firm;
- The presence of any lead or affiliate companies and their respective roles;
- Detailed description of the actual services provided by affiliate companies;
- Number of staff and number of person-months of professional staff provided by affiliate companies;

- Location, and start and completion dates;
- Contract value;
- Name of the Client and funding source.

The shortlisting criteria are:

Criteria
• Sub criteria
Company Profile
• Core business and years of experience
• Technical and managerial capacity
• Administrative and financial strength
Experience
• Experience of consultant specific to the assignment
• Experience of consultant specific to region

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans & IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 (revised version of July 2014)* ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Procurement procedure:

A shortlist of qualified firms will be prepared on the response to this invitation, after which short-listed firms will be invited to submit their proposals. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS (Quality-and Cost-Based Selection) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. (local time).

Expression of interest must be delivered to the client in written form in English in an envelope marked "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for LRIP" to the address mentioned below by 25th of January 2016 at 10.00 AM (local time) in hard copy one original and two copies, one electronic copy on CD-ROM, and a copy by email.

Consultants should be aware that distance and customs formalities may require longer than expected delivery time.

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