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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST MOLDOVA ROAD SECTOR PROGRAM

SUPERVISION OF CIVIL WORKS ON R14 BALTI-SARATENI ROAD

Assignment Description:

This request for expressions of interest follows the General Procurement Notice No. 7233-GPN-45094 for this project which was published in *Procurement Opportunities*, on the EBRD's web-site on November 25, 2013 and in the Supplement to the Official Journal of European Union on November 29, 2013.

The Government of the Republic of Moldova has received financing from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) towards the cost of the Moldova Road Sector Program and it intends to apply the proceeds to payments for consulting services for the Construction Supervision of the civil works to be executed under the project.

The objective of the Construction Supervision services is to supervise the rehabilitation of public roads through efficient and effective expertise, resulting in the issue of a Provisional Acceptance Certificate and a Taking-over certificate for the roads at the end of construction.

The consultant will be required to undertake the role of the "Engineer" as defined in the **FIDIC** MDB Harmonised Edition of the Conditions of Contract for Construction, March 2006. The Services to be provided by the Consultant is expected to start in July 2014, shall be for a period of about 40 months (including 12 months for the defect notification period) and shall include, but not be limited to (a) establishment of systems of managerial control for civil works contracts, (b) the Engineer's administration of Contracts, (c) control over estimated works quantities and contract outcome costs, in monitoring the progress of the Works and technical records; (d) control and acceptance of contractor's interim and final payment certificates; (e) the acceptance and/or approval of Contractors' key staff, insurances, guarantees, licenses, programs, method statements, traffic management plans, safety measures, suppliers and materials for incorporation in the works, the quality assurance and control plans, laboratory provisions and execution of the testing program, subcontractors, plant, equipment and environmental protection; (f) direct supervision of the works and monitoring of progress; (g) the preparation of progress, technical and contractual reports, (h) execution of the control tests of all materials intended for incorporation into permanent works and the all executed works.

In order to successfully implement the assignment, it is envisaged that the consultant's team will consist of the following Key-experts:

- Team Leader
- Deputy Team Leaders

- Materials Engineers
- Quantity Surveyors
- Environmental Expert
- Short-term experts

Also, the Consultant shall envisage the group of following technical support staff:

- Road Inspectors
- Bridge Inspector
- Surveyors
- Laboratory Assistants
- Designer's Representative
- Secretary/Team Assistant
- Translator/Interpreter

The Works Contracts to be supervised are as follows:

Contract RSP/W6/01:

- Rehabilitation of **R14** Balti-Sarateni Road, **km 26+600-km 38+300**;

Contract RSP/W6/02:

- Rehabilitation of **R14** Balti-Sarateni Road, **km 43+000-km 61+000** and **km 64+370-km 66+657**.

The works under these contracts will comprise overlaying of the existing asphalt pavement and providing a third lane of carriageway along the whole length. Prior to laying overlay material the existing pavement will require to be brought to an acceptable surface and basic profile by a combination of milling and regulating. In addition to these levelling operations the existing surface cracking must be rectified to prevent reflective cracking through the new overlays. Crack rectification will be effected by hot air lancing to a minimum depth of 80mm and crack filling with approved bituminous mastic material for all cracks with an initial width in excess of 4 mm. For cracks and cracked areas where the crack width is less than 4 mm the surface will be sealed prior to overlay with a suitable stress absorbing membrane interface (SAMI) comprising an approved Geotextile material fixed to the underlying road surface, and impregnated with, a bituminous binder. Side drainage needs to be deepened and reshaped and in some areas concrete protection is to be provided. All freshly exposed cut and fill slopes will require prompt stabilization with vegetation to ensure that erosion damage to the relatively fragile local soils is minimized.

Assignment Start Date and Duration: It is envisaged that the assignment will commence in July 2014 with the total duration of **40 months** (including 12 months for the defect notification period).

Funding Source: EBRD;

Eligibility: Procurement will be open for all the Consultants except those restricted in the EBRD's list of ineligible entities. The proceeds of the loan shall not be used for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities or for any import of goods, if such payment or import is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations and the Client's Country prohibitions.

Status: in order to determine the capability and experience of consulting firms seeking to be short-listed, the information submitted shall include, besides the company profile and organization, the following details of experience in similar assignments undertaken in the previous five (5) years:

- Project title, and brief narrative description of the project;
- Contractual role of the firm, and functions and tasks carried out, including applicable national and/or international codes and standards, and certification;

- The presence of any lead or affiliate companies and their respective roles;
- Location, and start and completion dates;
- Contract value;
- Name of the Client and funding source.

The consultant should also present the CVs of relevant personnel who are likely to be available, including key Head / Regional Office personnel and key site personnel.

The information presented by the consultant is to be in English and should not exceed 50 pages.

Procurement procedure: Procurement of the consultancy services will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the EBRD's Procurement Policies and Rules (PP&R) dated May, 2010. The consultants will be selected under Quality-and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS).

One 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.

If the Consultant has been found by a judicial process or other official enquiry to have engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices, details of the basis for the outcome of such process or enquiry shall be provided with the expression of interest.

The Employer reserves the right not to shortlist consulting firms that have been found to have engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices regardless of the results of technical evaluation of the expressions of interest.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (local time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the Client in an envelope marked "**EXPESSION OF INTEREST for Moldova Road Sector Program: Supervision of Civil Works on R14 Balti – Sarateni Road**", to the address mentioned below by *March 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.* (local time) in hard copy: **one (1) original and three (3) copies and one (1) electronic copy on CD-ROM.**

Expressions of interest received after this time and date shall not be considered and will be returned unopened.

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

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