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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST MOLDOVA ROAD SECTOR PROGRAM

Moldova Road Rehabilitation Project Implementation Support

Assignment Description:

This request for expressions of interest follows the General Procurement Notice No. 8166-GPN-45094 for this project which was updated in *Procurement Notices*, on the EBRD's web-site on February 5, 2016 and in the Supplement to the Official Journal of European Union (OJ/S).

The Government of the Republic of Moldova has received financing from the European Investment Bank (EIB) towards the cost of the Moldova Road Sector Program and it intends to apply the proceeds to payments for consulting services for the Moldova Road Rehabilitation Project Implementation Support. Grant funds, still to be identified, may be also used in financing of the services,

The Government of Moldova, represented by the Ministry of Transport and Roads Infrastructure (the "MTRI"), is responsible for the implementation of the Road Rehabilitation Projects III and IV (the "Project") financed by European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the "EBRD"), European Investment Bank (the "EIB") together referred to as International Financial Institutions (the "IFI") and from the European Commission (EC) in the framework of the Neighbourhood Investment Facility (NIF).

The Project is being carried out under the general supervision and responsibility of MTRI while project implementation is being carried out by the State Road Administration (SRA). The SRA's responsibilities include: procurement, financial management, contract management, project and program monitoring and evaluation, and reporting.

The SRA is under continuous process of contracting the services of civil works contractors and consulting engineers through international competitive tendering and requires the assistance of qualified consultant (the "Consultant") to support it in this process.

The overall objectives of the Consultant's assignment are to support the SRA in the implementation of the Road Rehabilitation Projects, to enhance the capacity of the SRA to plan and manage the implementation of the Road Rehabilitation Projects and to strengthen the SRA's role in the road sector and maintain the rehabilitated roads.

The Consultant will be required to assist SRA in all aspects of the Project implementation and to provide advice in respect of all of SRA's civil works and services contracts within the Project.

The Consultant will also be expected to assist SRA with the development of all aspects of its future road rehabilitation programmes to be co-financed by the IFIs and any other potential roads projects.

In this regard the scope of work has been subdivided into three specific tasks as presented below.

Task 1: Support the SRA in the implementation of the Road Rehabilitation Project

- Sub-Task 1.1: Project Preparation
- Sub-Task 1.2: Assistance during Design, Tender and Pre-Construction Phase of the Project
- Sub-Task 1.3: Assistance during Roads Rehabilitation Phase of the Project
- Sub-Task 1.4: Assistance during Post-Construction Phase of the Project
- Sub-Task 1.5: Assistance in Regard to Loans Management under the Project

Task 2: Assistance in strengthening the capacity of the SRA to plan and manage the implementation of the Road Rehabilitation Projects

- Sub-Task 2.1: Institutional reform
- Sub-Task 2.2: Anti-corruption Procedures
- Sub-Task 2.3: Project Management Procedures
- Sub-Task 2.4: Procurement Procedures
- Sub-Task 2.5 Training

Task 3: Assistance in Strengthening SRA's Broader Role in the Road Sector.

In order to successfully implement the assignment, it is envisaged that the consultant's team will consist of **three full-time** Key Personnel, an International Engineering and Management Consultant, an Engineering Management Specialist and a Procurement Specialist.

In addition a number of short-term non-key personnel with expertise in the areas of pavement maintenance, road safety audit, geotechnical engineering, legal/contractual matters, economic feasibility, environment, social, training and policy development may be required.

Assignment Start Date and Duration: It is envisaged that the assignment will commence in December 2016 with the total duration of about 36 months.

Funding Source: EIB;

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.

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 shortlisting 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/join 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.

In case more than 10 project references will be provided, only first 10 will be taken into consideration during evaluation.

Evaluation criteria of EOIs:

Criteria • Sub criteria	Weighting
Company Profile	30%
• Core business and years of experience	10%
• Technical and managerial capacity	10%
• Administrative and financial strength	10%
Experience	70%
• Experience of consultant specific to the assignment	60%
• Experience of consultant specific to the region	10%

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 October, 2014. 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 any of the Prohibited Practices as defined in the EIB Guide to Procurement (<http://www.eib.org/infocentre/publications/all/guide-to-procurement.htm>), 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 any of the Prohibited 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 "**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for Moldova Road Sector Program: Moldova Road Rehabilitation Project Implementation Support**", to the address mentioned below by *July 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.* (local time) in hard copy: **one (1) original** and **one (1) copy** and **one (1) electronic copy on CD-ROM**. Please note that submission of Expressions of Interest that do not comply with these requirements will be rejected.

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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