

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

MOLDOVA

Local Roads Improvement Project (LRIP) P150357

Assignment Title: Social Survey Study for Local Road Improvement Project

Reference No.: LRIP/CS/06

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 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 consulting services (“the Services”) include survey and analysis works for the selected LRIP Project communities which will involve data collection and analysis of socio-economic conditions and living standards of the population to allow for the understanding of the initial situation, assessing the pre-project status and the expected impact of the LRIP Project on different social groups. In this phase, the Consultant shall:

- Review the socio-economic baseline information regarding selected beneficiary communities available with the National Statistical Bureau of the Republic of Moldova, regional and local authorities, project stakeholders etc. Based on this information the Consultant will determine the sampling plan for the conduct of pre-project survey;
- Conduct Household Survey in localities;
- Prepare the Social Survey Study Report that shall present the socio-economic conditions of the population of selected beneficiary communities, their perceptions and views with respect to proposed LRIP Project activities.

The social surveys study should try to examine how the project can contribute towards regional development and job creation in some of Moldova’s most road users regions, thereby helping them to converge with the rest of the country and ensuring that the sustainable benefit from inclusive growth. In this regard, the proposed activities should: i) help improve the understanding on what are the connectivity and mobility constraints that various social groups in the local population face and what types of complimentary interventions could be needed to ignite growth and improve service delivery to each of these groups; ii) identify channels through which the project’s citizen engagement strategy could incorporate the preferences of the different social groups into the project design, and iii) help SRA to take best augmented solution for road rehabilitation with biggest benefit for population and regional development.

Assignment start and duration:

It is envisaged that the assignment will commence on February, 2016, for a duration of 4 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 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 social survey study assignments, undertaken in the previous ten (10) 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:

The best qualified and experienced firm will be selected in accordance with the CQS (Selection based on Consultant's Qualification) method set out in the Guidelines mentioned above. Only the selected firm will be asked to submit a combined technical and financial proposal.

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 "EXPRESION OF INTEREST for LRIP Social Survey Study" to the address mentioned below by **December 16, 2016 at 10.00 AM** (local time) in hard copy (one original and one copy) and one electronic copy on CD-ROM.

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

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