

**REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**  
**ROAD SECTOR PROGRAM SUPPORT PROJECT**

**CONSULTING SERVICES FOR IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE**

<b>Project name</b>	Moldova Road Sector Program Support Project III
<b>Country</b>	Moldova
<b>Business sector</b>	Transport
<b>Project ID</b>	41442
<b>Funding source</b>	NIF funds
<b>Type of contract</b>	Consultancy services
<b>Type of notice</b>	Invitation for expression of interest
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**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

This Invitation for Expressions of Interests follows the General Procurement Notice No. 6239-GPN-41442 that was published on European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and State Road Administration (SRA) website on November 4, 2010.

The Government of the Republic of Moldova has received financing from the European Commission (EC) in the framework of the Neighborhood Investment Facility (NIF) towards the cost of the Moldova Road Sector Program Support Project. A part of the funds are foreseen for provision to SRA of the Implementation Assistance including engineering and management consulting services.

The main objective of the assignment will be

- (i) to provide SRA with technical and contractual expertise,
- (ii) to assist SRA in the efficient and effective implementation of the Road Sector Program Support Project (RSPSP),
- (iii) to support SRA in strengthening its technical capabilities and strengthening the project management and monitoring resources;
- (iv) improvement of the SRA's capabilities with regard to implementation cycle management;
- (v) development of specific training programs for the SRA personnel involved in the project implementation process;
- (vi) compliance with terms of respective loan agreements and fostering of good working relations with the International Financing Institutions; and
- (vii) development of procurement manuals for the SRA and implementation support for local contracts procurement.

The Contract for the Implementation Assistance is expected to begin in February 2012 and to last approximately 36 months. It is envisaged that the Contract will require the services of one suitably qualified International Engineering and Management Consultant (IEMC) on a full-time basis plus the inputs of other short term experts.

The IEMC should be a suitably qualified engineer capable of fulfilling the tasks described herein including the contractual management of Design, Works and Supervision contracts, technical management of road rehabilitation projects. The Consultant should have a strong background in: (i) assessment of feasibility studies; (ii) review of engineering designs; (iii) traffic safety; (iv) contract management under FIDIC contracts, including hands-on experience of variation orders, claims and disputes; and, (v) financial management of multiple, simultaneous construction and supervision contracts to include monitoring of payments and settling final accounts.

The IEMC should have demonstrable hands-on experience in the implementation of at least four projects financed by one of a major International Financial Institution (IFI) such as World Bank (WB), European Investment Bank (EIB) or European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in a similar role. In addition, it will be an advantage if the IEMC has previous experience in the application of procurement rules (in a similar project environment) of one of the major IFIs (WB, EBRD, EIB etc).

The IEMC should have a university degree in civil engineering and/or area related to project management of road construction, and preferably a related post-graduate degree.

The IEMC should have excellent communication skills in both written and spoken English (the basic language of operation under the assignment is English). Capabilities in Romanian will be considered an advantage but is not a requirement for the position.

The part-time supporting experts may include specialists in the areas such economic feasibility, environmental, pavement maintenance, road pavement materials, traffic safety, training, and legal/contractual matters.

The State Road Administration now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above-mentioned services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications, in which case the leading consultant shall be indicated.

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 assessing the expressions of interest.

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 ten years:

- Project title, and brief narrative description of the project;
- Details of experience in similar assignments undertaken in the last ten years, including value of consulting services and value of works, location, number of staff involved in the contract, name of the Client and funding source, name of partners for contract execution and share of services, source of financing, type of services provided, contract commencement and completion dates, brief description of the contract;
- The consultant should also present the CVs of relevant personnel who are likely to be available, including the IEMC, short-term experts and key Head / Regional Office personnel.

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

Procurement of the consultancy services will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the EBRD's Procurement Policies and Rules (PP&R) dated 6 May, 2009. A shortlist of qualified firms will be based on the response to this invitation, after which shortlisted firms will be invited to prepare their proposals.

Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method will be used in selection of the successful firm which is based on both the quality of the submitted technical proposal and the costs shown in the financial proposal. The relative weight to be given to the quality and cost will provided in the Request for Proposals.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (local time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered by November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. (local time). Electronic submissions by e-mail are acceptable. The hard copy will be submitted in one original and

2 (two) copies at the address below, clearly marked: “Consulting Services for Implementation Assistance”

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