

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Supervision of Civil Works for Rehabilitation of M2 Chişinău – Soroca road km 116+000 – km 154+352 and R7 Soroca-Drochia-Costesti km 3+414 – km 12+789

This Specific Procurement Notice follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared in UNDB Online on October 27, 2011, dgMarket on October 25, 2011, the local newspaper Monitorul Oficial on October 28, 2011, and was posted on the MCA-Moldova website on October 25 <http://www.mca.gov.md>.

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (the “MCC”) and the Government of Moldova (the “Government” or “GoM”) have entered into a Millennium Challenge Compact for Millennium Challenge Account assistance to help facilitate poverty reduction through economic growth in Republic of Moldova (the “Compact”) in the amount of approximately 262,000,000 USD (the “MCC Funding”). The Government, acting through the Millennium Challenge Account – Moldova, a public institution established under the laws of the Republic of Moldova as the Accountable Entity for the Compact (the “MCA-Moldova”), intends to apply a portion of the MCC Funding to eligible payments under a contract for which the Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is issued. Any payments made under the proposed contract will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Compact and related documents, including restrictions on the use of MCC funding and conditions to the disbursements of MCC funding. No party other than the Government and the MCA-Moldova shall derive any rights from the Compact or have any claim to the proceeds of MCC Funding.

The goal of a Compact would be to reduce poverty through economic growth. The Compact contains the following components:

- Transition to High Value-added Agriculture (THVA) Project. The project objective is to increase incomes in rural agricultural communities through transition to higher value-added production through rehabilitation of irrigation infrastructure, radical changes to its management, and increased access to finance, training, and market information, beneficiaries will transition to more intensive and varied crop production and better marketing of the production.
- Road Rehabilitation Project (RRP). The project would improve profitability and marketability of goods carried on the roads, improve access to social services among communities serviced by the roads, and improve road safety. The proposed project comprises the rehabilitation of existing paved four-lane roads.

The interventions proposed for the rehabilitation of M2 Chişinău – Soroca road, in general, are surface treatment, shape correction, resurfacing and strengthening by overlay, strengthening by reconstruction, repair and replacement of elements to ensure traffic safety, rehabilitation of bridges and foot bridges, rehabilitation of the roadside drainage system, and improvements to a number of intersections.

The MCA-Moldova acting through the State Road Administration (the “Procurement Agent”) now invites proposals to provide the consultant services referenced above (the “Proposals”). The consultant (the “Supervision of Civil Works for Rehabilitation Road Consultant” or “The

Engineer”) will be responsible to: establishment of systems of managerial control for civil works contracts, the Engineer’s administration of Contracts, control over estimated works quantities and contract outcome costs, in monitoring the progress of the Works and technical records; control and acceptance of contractor’s interim and final payment certificates; 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; direct supervision of the works and monitoring of progress; the preparation of progress, technical and contractual reports, execution of the control tests of all materials intended for incorporation into permanent works and the all executed works.

More details on these consultant services are provided in the Terms of Reference (the “TOR”).

The contract will be awarded in two lots, one for each lot, to two different firms:

- Lot 1 – Construction Supervision of the works contracts PP3/RRP/W/CB/01/01 and PP3/RRP/W/CB/01/02;
- Lot 2 – Construction Supervision of the works contracts PP3/RRP/W/CB/01/03 and PP3/RRP/W/CB/01/04.

Detailed Information on the Works Contract Packages to be supervised is provided in Annex A to the Section 6, Terms of Reference.

One firm can be awarded contract for one lot only.

The RFP is open to all eligible entities (“Consultants”) who wish to respond. Consultants may only associate with each other in the form of a joint venture or in a sub-consultancy agreement to complement their respective areas of expertise to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the assignment and so long as any association is otherwise formed in accordance with the terms of the RFP.

A Consultant will be selected under the QCBS method, the evaluation procedure for which is described in sections of the RFP in accordance with MCC Program Procurement Guidelines as amended on September 2010 and May 2011, which are provided on the MCC website <http://www.mcc.gov/pages/business/guidelines>.

The consultant services will be divided into:

- **Base Contract:** a twelve (12) month fixed price lump sum contract to cover the first part of the Construction Supervision activities.
- **Option 1 Contract:** a fixed price lump sum contract to cover the second part of the Construction Supervision activities, to be activated subject to the successful performance of the Consultant during the Base Contract period, as determined at the sole discretion of MCA-Moldova. This Option is for a twelve (12) months period for the initial pricing purpose, but could be longer of twelve (12) months or time required for the acceptance of works. If the time is extended beyond 12 months, a separate contract amendment shall be negotiated, and need not be priced at this time.

MCA-Moldova shall notify the Consultant about the non-activation of this option in accordance with Special Conditions of Contract (Clause GCC2.3).

- **Option 2 Contract:** a twelve (12) month fixed price lump sum contract to cover the Defect Notification Period, to be activated subject to the successful performance of the Consultant during the Option 1 contract, as determined at the sole discretion of MCA-Moldova. MCA-Moldova shall notify the Consultant about the non-activation of this option in accordance with Special Conditions of Contract (Clause GCC2.3).

RFP will only be distributed to registered Consultants. Consultants must register by completing the Registration Form available at website of the Procurement Agent (http://www.asd.md/ENG/docs/Registration_Form_PP3-RRP-CS-QCBS-08-02.pdf) and sending it in PDF format to the Procurement Agent's e-mail address indicated below. Registration will be completed when a Consultant receives a registration number from the Procurement Agent. Consultants may elect on the Registration Form to receive the RFP in the following manner: (i) free of charge by directly downloading from the Procurement Agent's website link, provided to the bidder upon its registration, and (ii) free of charge in electronic format at the address below.

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A pre-proposal conference will be held in Chişinău at 10.00 am local time in Moldova on January 12, 2012 at the following address:

State Road Administration

4th floor, Room 400

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Chişinău, MD-2004

Republic of Moldova

Attendance is strongly advised for all prospective Consultants or their representatives but is not mandatory.

The closing time for receipt of Proposals is **10.00 am** local time in Moldova on **February 10, 2012** at the following address:

State Road Administration

Room 336, 3th floor

Bucuriei 12A Str.

Chişinău, MD-20004

Republic of Moldova

Proposals 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.