

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

Republic of Moldova

Local Roads Improvement Project (LRIP) P150357

Credit No.: IDA 57470-MD

Assignment Title: **Procurement of consultancy services for preparation of Detailed Design and Bidding Documents for the Local Roads Improvement Project:**

Corridor 16:

L465 road, R3 – Pojăreni – Țipala – R32, km 0+000 – km 34+600:

- **Detailed design and bidding documents for Section km 0+000 – km 22+300;**
- **Update the existing design and preparation of bidding documents for Section km 22+300 – km 34+600.**

Reference No.: **LRIP/CS/04**

Assignment description

The Government of the Republic of Moldova has applied 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 consulting services (“the Services”) include the preparation of detailed design, bidding documentation and to propose appropriate standards to be applied for the Improvement of the Corridor 16 L465 road, R3 – Pojăreni – Țipala – R32, km 0+000 - km 34 +600: Detailed design and bidding documents for Section km 0+000 – km 22+300; and update the existing design and preparation of bidding documents for Section km 22+300 – km 34+600.

Objectives of the services

The consulting services (“the Services”) will be implemented in two separate parts as follows:

(a) Design Assignment

- (i) to prepare Detailed Engineering Design and Construction Drawings for reconstruction/rehabilitation/upgrade of 34.60 km of sections of local roads;
- (ii) to prepare bidding documents for Construction Works for designed road sections in subject in accordance with the World Bank Procurement Policies and Rules;
- (iii) to prepare the environmental and social safeguard documents for road sections in subject in accordance with the World Bank safeguard policies.

Under the Design assignment objective, the Consultant has the task to conduct the following principal activities in accordance with applicable standards, norms, regulations and best industry practice:

- To carry out field surveys, investigations and tests;
- To carry out community consultations during the design phase;

- To prepare detailed design and Construction Drawings;
- To Assist the Client to obtain the verification of design from the “Moldovan State Expertise and Verification Service for Design Projects and Construction”;
- To prepare estimates of quantities and cost;
- To prepare an Environmental Management Plan and Social Safeguard documents in accordance with the World Bank safeguard policies;
- To prepare Bidding Documents including General and Particular Conditions of Contract, Drawings, Specifications, Bills of Quantities, Design Report etc.

(b) Author Supervision

To further monitor compliance of construction works (to be carried out by the civil works constructors) with verified construction drawings and to update them as necessary to reflect any changes resulting from conditions discovered on site.

In accordance Moldovan Law no. 721 of February 02, 1996, and in order to carry out the above services, the Consultant will be required to include in its team a Senior Road/Pavement Design Engineer and a Senior Structural Engineer which are certified and licensed in Moldova. The methodology of attestation is stated in the Government Decision no. 329 of April 23, 2009.

These licenses and certification may be obtained after contract award and are not a condition for submitting a bid or for award of the Contract. However, the Consultant shall be obliged to comply with requirements of the Law in subject as part of his contractual obligations.

Assignment start and duration:

In accordance with the procurement schedule it is planned that the contract will be signed by the end of September 2017. The Design Assignment shall be finalized within 5 months from commencement of services. The Author Supervision Assignment shall be finalized within 24 months from commencement of construction works.

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/joint 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 detailed design and bidding documents assignments for roads, 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;
- Type of works contract for which bidding documents have been prepared, e.g. World Bank standard documents for Large/Small Works Contracts, FIDIC;
- 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.

Note: In case more than 10 project references will be provided, only 10 most relevant to the assignment in the client's view will be taken into consideration during evaluation. The shortlisting criteria are:

Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub criteria
Company Profile
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core business and years of experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical and managerial capacity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative and financial strength
Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of consultant specific to the assignment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Detailed design studies” to the address mentioned below by 25th of July 2017 at 10.00 AM (local time) in hard copy: one (1) original and one (1) copy; one electronic copy on CD-ROM, and a copy by email.

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

State Road Administration

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