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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

MOLDOVA ROAD SECTOR PROGRAM

ROAD MAINTENANCE REFORM ASSISTANCE

Assignment Description:

The Government of the Republic of Moldova has received financing from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD or the Bank) towards the cost of rehabilitation and management of its road network. The Government now intends to engage an experienced consultant to provide services for the Road Maintenance Reform Assistance.

The key tasks for the assignment are as follows:

- (i) development of the privatisation plan and privatisation support for road maintenance companies;
- (ii) the development of new type of road maintenance contracts (with performance criteria); and
- (iii) related capacity building within the State Road Administration (SRA) in all aspects (including privatisation support, introduction of competition in future, monitoring of performance based contracts and payments); and
- (iv) identification and proposing of necessary legal changes (including secondary legislation and regulations), in order to ensure adjusting of the legal and regulatory framework and technical norms and standards to the requirements of the new maintenance contracting system, including also identification of the physical and financial volumes and time frame for execution of the maintenance works according to the defined level of service on different class roads.

Assignment Start Date and Duration: It is envisaged that the assignment will commence early in 2014 with the total duration of approximately 10 months.

Cost Estimate: EUR 500,000; Exclusive of VAT.

The Consultant must determine whether any indirect taxes/VAT are chargeable on the proposed services and state the basis for such. If any indirect taxes/VAT are payable, the Client will have to pay indirect taxes/VAT element to the services directly to the Consultant unless otherwise agreed.

Funding Source: Bank's Technical Cooperation funds.

Eligibility: there are no eligibility restrictions.

Consultant Profile: Corporate services are required. The Consultant will be a firm or a group of firms with comprehensive experience in the sector and excellent knowledge of the country/region. In order to successfully implement the assignment, it is envisaged that the Consultant's team will consist of the following experts:

- Team Leader: at least ten years' experience of financial and business management
- Legal expert: at least 15 years' experience in road regulation and implementation.

- Transport Economist: at least ten years' experience in regulation and road economics;
- Training expert: at least ten years' experience in capacity building under similar business environments;
- Procurement and Contract Expert: at least ten years' experience in procurement and performance based road maintenance contracts;
- Financial Management Specialist: at least ten years' experience of business accounting and financial management;
- IT and Systems specialist: at least ten years' experience of operating and implementing computer-based systems for the management of documents, projects, contracts and finances in addition to pavement and bridge management systems;
- Road maintenance expert: at least ten years' experience in the evaluation of roads, maintenance requirements and classification.

It is recommended that a part of the consultancy input will be carried out by local sub-consultants.

Status: Interested firms are hereby invited to submit expressions of interest. In order to determine the capability and experience of consulting firms seeking to be shortlisted, the information submitted should include the following:

- company profile, organisation and staffing;
- details of experience or similar assignments undertaken in the previous five years, including their locations;
- CVs of staff who could be available to work on the assignment.

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 May, 2010. The consultant will be selected under the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).

The State Road Administration now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above-mentioned services. Interested consultants must provide information demonstrating that they are qualified to successfully perform the services. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications and capacity to perform the services, in which case the lead 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 SRA 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 technical evaluation of the expressions of interest.

The expression of interest must be accompanied by a completed Contact Sheet, the template for which is available from the following web-link:

http://www.ebrd.com/pages/workingwithus/procurement/notices/csu/contact_sheet.doc

The above information should not exceed 20 pages excluding CVs and the contact sheet.

One (1) original and two (2) copies and one (1) electronic copy on CD-ROM of the expression(s) of interest, in English, shall be submitted to the Client in an envelope marked "**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for Moldova: Road Maintenance Reform Assistance**", to reach the Client not later than the closing date: *11th November 2013, 09:30 a.m. (local time in Moldova)*.

One copy in English should also be submitted **by email** to the Bank's contact person listed below.

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Note: Following this invitation for expressions of interest, a shortlist of qualified firms will be formally invited to submit proposals.