
**REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
LOCAL ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

STATE ROAD ADMINISTRATION

CLARIFICATION DOCUMENT NO. 1

**Answers to the Requests for Clarification received
from prospective Bidders**

**Improvement Works on Corridor 13, L 431
Păruceni – Seliște – Vînători Road, km 0+000- km
4+200 and R25 Road – Seliște village, km 0+000 –
km 3+600 under the Contract LRIP/W1/05**

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1. Question

Which is the composition and percentage of each component for cold recycling?

Answer 1

Please refer to the Chapter 301 [Cold Recycling of Asphalt Concrete Pavements], more precisely 301.03 [Construction Requirements] and Code of Practice D.02.12-2014.

2. Question

Shall the Contractor elaborate the construction drawings or not?

Answer 2

According to subchapter 006.02 [Survey Bacons and Benchmarks, Setting Out], there is no requirement for the Contractor to produce the Construction Drawings, except in the event that additional Construction Drawings are needed for pavement works.

3. Question

Which is the estimative value of the Contract?

Answer 3

The Employer's confidential cost estimate is not for publication.

4. Question

Is the simultaneous application of bituminous binder and chippings excluded? Please clarify if the bituminous layer shall be applied first.

Answer 4

Please refer to the Chapter 311 [Bituminous Treatment] and subchapter 311.03 [Performance of Works].

5. Question

Regarding the 60,000,000 MDL amount indicated in the Bidding Documents. Is this the annual turnover? In this case, the average annual turnover shall not be less than 60,000,000 MDL?

Answer 5

In accordance with 3.2 of the 2. Qualifications of the Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, *The Minimum average annual construction turnover is 60,000,000 MDL and it calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed within the last five years, divided by five, i.e. the Contractor shall present the annual turnover for each of the 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 years. Moreover, the Bidding Documents provide certain forms to be filled in by the Contractor. In this case, Form FIN - 3.2: Average Annual Construction Turnover has to be filled in by the Contractor in order to indicate the average annual turnover (construction only).*

6. Question

Reference is made to the similar experience qualification criteria. Should we present in one year of the past five years one contract in amount of 35,000,000 MDL or two contracts in amount of 17,000,000 MDL?

Answer 6

According to para 4.2 (a) of the Specific Construction & Contract Management Experience of the Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, *(i) A minimum number of similar contracts specified below that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor between 1st January 2012 and application submission deadline: (i) 2 contracts, each of minimum value 17,000,000 MDL; or (ii) 1 contract with a minimum value 35,000,000 MDL, shall be presented. The Contractor has the option to present such contracts for any of the past five requested years. It shall be either 1 contract with 35,000,000 MDL value or 2 contracts with 17,000,000 MDL value.*

7. Question

In case of a Joint Venture. When we refer to the annual turnover, please confirm which is the percentage ought to be presented by the leader? If there are three companies in a JV, which shall be the percentage for each one of them? Is the associate of the company, with 30% weighting, entitled to present a contract with 35,000,000 MDL amount?

Answer 7

In accordance with Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, 2. Qualifications, Eligibility and Qualification Criteria, 3. Financial Situation, 3.2. Average Annual Construction Turnover, the Lead Member of the Joint Venture must meet 70 % of the requirements, while associates shall meet 30 % of the requirements.

According to Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, 2. Qualifications, Eligibility and Qualification Criteria, 4. Experience, 4.2(a) Specific Construction & Contract Management Experience, the requirement is that all parties combined must meet the requirement. It is not specified which member of the Joint Venture should present the contract(s).

8. Question

Please confirm, how many companies have to participate in a bidding process for it to be valid?

Answer 8

In accordance with 2.61 Rejection of all Bids of C. Bid Opening, Evaluation, and Award of Contract of the World Bank's Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, Ed. January 2011, revised July 2014, *“Even when only one bid is submitted, the bidding process may be considered valid, if the bid was satisfactorily advertised, the qualification criteria were not unduly restrictive, and prices are reasonable in comparison to market values.”*

9. Question

Reference is made to the advance Payment in amount of 10%. In order to get advantage of it, shall we provide an extra Guarantee? What is the Performance Guarantee? Which is the minimum of works to be executed in order to get an Advance Payment? How long after Contract signing, does it take to receive the payment?

Answer 9

In accordance with Section IX. Particular Conditions of Contract, 49.1, *„The Advance Payments shall be: 10% of the Contract Price minus any Provisional Sums and shall be paid to the Contractor on submission of a Bank Guarantee and Project Manager’s payment certificate.”*

In accordance with Section IX. Particular Conditions of Contract, 50.1 *„The Performance Security shall be for an amount of 10% (ten percent) of the Contract Price minus any Provisional Sums in the form of an unconditional Demand Guarantee from a Bank acceptable to the Employer.”*

The requirement to get an Advance Payment is as specified in the Section IX. Particular Conditions of Contract 49.1, *„is the submission of a Bank Guarantee and Project Manager’s payment certificate.”*

In accordance with Section VIII. General of Contract, 41.1 *„The Employer shall pay the Contractor the amounts certified by the Project Manager within 28 days of the date of each certificate.”*

10. Question

Reference is made to cold recycling. Please confirm, whether it is performed in situ or in plant?

Please clarify if the recycling volume is the same with the milled volume?

Answer 10

Please refer to the subchapter 301.05 [Preparation of Mixture] which clearly specifies that the preparation of mixture shall be carried out at the plant separately from the milling.

The volume of cold recycling is stated in the Bill of Quantities, Bill 300, item 30101 and the volume of milling is stated in the item 30201.

11. Question

Is this a national or international bidding process? Please clarify whether the participation of international bidders allowed.

Answer 11

It is confirmed that this is a National Competitive Bidding procurement procedure. Nevertheless, this procurement procedure does not exclude eligible foreign firms interested to participate in the bidding process.

12. Question

Is there a probability that the deadline for submission of bids shall be extended?

Answer 12

According to the para 21.2 of 21. Deadline for Sub-mission of Bids, Instruction to Bidders of the World Bank’s Procurement of Works Smaller Contracts Guidelines, The Employer may extend the deadline for submission of bids by issuing an amendment in accordance with ITB Clause 11, in which case all rights and obligations of the Employer and the bidders previously subject to the original deadline shall then be subject to the new deadline.

In this instance, the Employer does not consider that it is necessary to extend the deadline

for submission of the bids.

13. Question

Regarding to BoQ 200: Earthworks

The execution of the earthworks

20104 Finishing and trimming of cut and fill slopes: 16.914,00 sqm

and

20104 Finishing and leveling the slope: 24.710,00 sq.m,

please specify if the quantity corresponding to the code 20104, it is not doubled in the physical stage - The execution of the earthworks and Shaping and planting of slopes and excavated surfaces.

Answer 13

Item 20104 under the main heading of [The Execution of Earthworks] refers to finishing and trimming of cut and fill slopes of Earthworks.

Item 20104 under the subheading of [Shaping and Planting of Slopes and Excavated Surfaces] refers to shaping and trimming of cut and fill slopes of Topsoil.

The quantities are not duplicated.

14. Question

For Code 30801- Concrete vibrocilindrat Bbtb 3.2, h-140 mm description price does not include the treatment of joints for such concrete road.

Please clarify the technology execution of concrete Bbtb 3.2 h = 140 mm

Answer 14

Please refer to the Chapter 308 [Roller Compacted Concrete] from Technical Specifications and specifically subchapter 308.06 [Execution of works] and 308.07 [Expansion Joints].

15. Question

Please confirm the execution of item 50302.7 for type 2 of Lined side drain and specify where it will be executed within the contract

Answer 15

The item 50302.7 refers to lined channels from culvert outlets to side drains, as shown on sheets no. 32 and 33. The item has been revised as follows in the BoQ:

Item No.	Item description	Unit of measurement	Quantity
50302.7	Type 6: A rectangular side drain of dimensions specified in drawings.	Linear meter	7.500