

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
ROAD SECTOR PROGRAM SUPPORT PROJECT

**CLARIFICATION TO QUESTIONS ON THE
BIDDING DOCUMENTS FOR CONTRACT RSPSP/W2/05**

„Rehabilitation of R14 Balti – Sarateni Road km 38+300 – km 43+000”

Question 1

In Volume 1 - Bidding Documents – Section III. Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, point 1. Qualification (page 32) is required cash-flow for 1million US Dollars.

Please clarify if it is about 1 million US Dollars, or 1 million Euros, regarding the fact contract is financed by EBRD.

Answer 1

Cash flow requirement is US Dollar 1 million (or Euro equivalent).

Please note that the funding for Contract RSPSP/W2/05 is a Multi Sectoral Grant provided by the European Commission administered by the World Bank.

Question 2

In Volume 1 Bidding Documents ,Section IV Bidding Forms, the following forms are in US Dollars:

- Form FIN-1 – Financial Situation
- Form FIN-2 – Average Annual Construction Turnover
- Form FIN-3 – Financial Resources
- Form FIN-4 – Current Contract Commitments

Please clarify if we must complete this Forms in US Dollars or in Euros, regarding the fact contract is financed by EBRD.

Answer 2

Forms LIT and FIN-1 to FIN-4 may be in US Dollar equivalents or Euro equivalents.

Question 3

Regarding the fact the language of the bid is English, please clarify to us how we must present the bidding documents such as:

- legal documents of the company (article of incorporation / constitution, powers of attorney, documents that reflect some changes regarding the company, etc);
- audited balance sheets for the last 3 years;
- contracts with subcontractors, contracts for renting equipments, other contracts with suppliers of goods / services,

in simple translation, authorized translation by authorized translator or notarized by notary?

Answer 3

Refer to ITB Clause 10.1.

Question 4

Please clarify what „last 3 years” is about in form FIN-1-Financial Situation and form FIN-2-Average Annual Construction Turnover: 2007, 2008, 2009 or 2008, 2009, 2010? Regarding the fact, according to our laws (Spanish), for the year 2010 – we must submit to Authorities (Trade Register) the audited balance sheets till 31 July.

Answer 4

Turnover for 3 years (2007, 2008 and 2009) are required.

Question 5

Please clarify what are exactly the works included in Bill 2. Site Clearance – item 2.06 - code 10501 – Upgrade existing Diversion Road (PC413+63-PC524+85) = 1222 Lin. m?

There are no details in Volume 2 Technical Specifications, Chapter 105 Temporary roads and signing. Anyway we consider that all the tenderers must approach in the same way this category of work.

In this respect, please send us the BOQ for this item.

Answer 5

Bidders should note that design and construction of Temporary Works are the Contractor's responsibility (refer to FIDIC General Conditions Clause 4.1 [definition Clause 1.1.5.7], Technical Specifications Clause 103.03 and 105.08).

It should be noted that in the case of the 1.2 km long diversion at Km 42, the required cross section is 9 m. including 1 m. shoulders (7 m. paved width) as shown on Drawing No: PDO-DA-1.

Potholes, cracking of the existing asphalt and extensive areas with no asphalt were noted during the site visit held on 7 February 2011.

Bidders are reminded that the requirement is to provide a diversion that will maintain public traffic in accordance with all the requirements during the construction of the raised embankment and culvert at Km 42, and bids shall be deemed to have taken this into account (refer to FIDIC General Conditions Clauses 4.10 and 4.11).

Question 6

Regarding Bill 5 Drainage Works – the No of items are not in order, after item 5.21 there is item 5.26. Are there missing items or it is only a wrong numbering of items?

Answer 6

The numbering as shown is to be used and no items are to be added. The unnumbered item (Rectangular lined side drains [specification code 50308]) shall be numbered Item No. 5.22.

Question 7

Regarding Bill 6.7 Bridge Repairs km 38 + 981: the item 6.7.19/ code 41303 has the description: *”Shoulder protection of fine asphalt Type A, M-I, H of 50mm thickness, over a subbase of crushed stone of 100 cm thickness.”*

Please clarify: the thickness of subbase of crushed stone is 100 cm or 10cm?

Answer 7

Subbase thickness is to be 100 mm.

Question 8

Regarding Bill 6.7, Bill 6.8 and Bill 6.9 the item „execution of metal safety parapets on the bridge deck” has different codes: in Bill 6.7-code 40902, in Bill 6.8 – code 40901, in Bill 6.9 – code 40901. Which is the correct code?

Answer 8

The description for Item 6.7.13 is amended as follows: “Execution of metal safety parapets with stub foundation on the bridge deck” (refer to Drawing No. P-P-1).

Specification Codes for Bills 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9 are unchanged.

Question 9

Regarding Bill 6.8 the item code 41807 „Dismantling of PC reinforced concrete deck slabs of 6,0 m length” has Unit cu. m, while in Bill.6.8 the same item has unit sq. m.

Which is the correct Unit: Cu. m or sq. m?

Answer 9

The unit is cu. m.

Question 10

Regarding Bill 6.9 Bridge Repairs km 41+484: the item 6.9.20/ code 41303 has the description: *”Shoulder protection of fine asphalt Type A, M-I, H of 50mm thickness, over a subbase of crushed stone of 100cm thickness.”*

Please clarify: the thickness of subbase of crushed stone is 100 cm or 10cm?

Answer 10

Subbase thickness is to be 100 mm.

Question 11

Regarding Bill 8.Signs and markings, the No of items are not in order.

Are there missing items or it is only a wrong numbering of items?

Answer 11

Revised numbering is provided on the attached Bill No. 8.

Question 12

In Bill.9.Miscellaneous Works, point 9A.Side Roads, Junctions, Bus Lay by the items 9A.1/30601 and 9C.1/70601 have not specified the thickness of the layer, so please clarify.

Answer 12

For Item 9A.1, refer to Drawing No: DLT-DA-1 for the thickness (10 cm).

For Item 9C.1, refer to Technical Specification Clause 706.04 (40 mm).

Question 13

Regarding VAT (value added tax):

Please clearly specify in what Form (from Bidding Forms) or how to stand out/highlight the Value Added Tax? Or clarify what is now, the current legislation in Moldavia regarding VAT in contracts financed by European Funds – BERD?

Answer 13

Bidders are advised that the Road Sector Program Support Project (including Works Contract RSPSP/W2/05) is exempt from Value Added tax and other taxes under current Moldovan legislation. Bidders should not include Value Added Tax or other taxes, duties or levies in their unit rates because these are not payable under current legislation.

However, it is Bidders' responsibility for interpreting the Applicable Laws with regard to any operations planned in Moldova, and it is suggested that Bidders should check the terms of all relevant and current Moldovan legislation.

Bidders are advised that Clause 14.7 of the Instructions to Bidders is applicable in cases where the exemption (mentioned above) does not apply.

Question 14

Regarding Table A. Local Currency and Table B Foreign Currency (FC):

15.1) please clarify the way of completion;

15.2) if we will quote all bills of quantities in Moldovan Lei, do we need to present the Table B Foreign Currency (FC), too?

Answer 14

Refer to Instruction to Bidders and Bid Data Sheet Clause 15.1 and Bill of Quantities Preamble Clause 7. Bidders are to provide unit rates, amounts in Bills of Quantities, Bill Summary and Letter of Tender in the currencies required for payment by the Bidder only.

Payments are to be in Moldova Lei and up to three different foreign currencies.

Tables A, B and C of the Appendix to Bid are to be completed to indicate the total amounts that the Bidder requires to be paid in each currency. In the case of Table B (Foreign Currency), Bidders are to provide their proposed sources of indices and other data requested for each payment currency for adjustment under FIDIC General Conditions Clause 13.8.