

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

MOLDOVA

Finance and Management of Local Roads in Moldova

Project ID: P150357

Assignment Title: **Procurement of consultancy services for Preparation of the Local Roads Improvement Project in Moldova**

Reference No.: RSPSP/2014/LRIP/01

The Government of the Republic of Moldova has secured grant¹ financing to undertake preparation of a World Bank financed project to support a **Local Roads improvement Project in Moldova**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include preparation of the Local Roads project that will improve the level of the local road network; make adequate recommendations and evaluate the capacities and capabilities of State Roads Administration and Local Administrations to undertake such project and maintain the rural transport network, including financial capacity; undertake detailed socio-economic and impact assessment studies, detailed designs and terms of reference for contract bids. It should also result in a clear methodology to prioritize planning and implementation of local roads investments and putting in place the implementation structure for the project and propose a mechanism that will assure the maintenance of the local roads investment.

The services will be carried out under the following 3 components:

- Component 1 :Implementation Framework
- Component 2: Planning and Prioritization
- Component 3: Designs and Environmental and Social Impact Studies

Component 1: Implementation Framework. This component will prepare the Operations Manual that set out the roles and responsibilities for the implementation and subsequent maintenance activities. This will also require detailed proposal securing financing for local road maintenance.

Output: Operations manual and Financial Sustainability Mechanisms.

Results expected under Component 1:

- Strengthen Implementation Unit*
- Sector reform Action Plan and project implementation Arrangements*

Component 2: Planning and Prioritization. This component will aim the prioritization of the local roads and the project economic evaluation.

Output: Planning and Prioritization Framework/Economic Analysis for the Priority Roads.

¹The attention of the interested consultants is drawn to the fact that the grant has been secured but the contract will be signed only once the grant is made effective.

Results expected under Component 2:

- (i) Definition of initial program for rehabilitation of roads
- (ii) Economic Evaluation of Priority Roads

Component 3: Designs and Environmental and Social Impact Studies. Under this component the Consultant will prepare generic designs, documentation and propose appropriate standards to be applied to roads and finance the preliminary environmental and social impact assessments. In addition, the Consultant will provide the required safeguard framework studies.

Output: Standard Designs and Environmental, Safeguard and Social Impact Assessments.

Results expected under Component 3:

- (i) Designs for priority Local Roads Project
- (ii) Safeguard and Social Impact Assessment

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. Corporate services are required. The Consultant will be a firm or a group of firms with comprehensive experience in the sector and knowledge of the country/region.

The shortlisting criteria and weightings for each criterion:

Criteria	Weightings
• Sub criteria	
Company Profile	40%
• Core business and years of experience	20%
• Technical and administrative capacity	20%
Experience	60%
• Experience of consultant specific to the assignment	50%
• Experience of consultant specific to region	10%

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* (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS (Quality-and Cost-Based Selection) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines and in the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (local time).

The Expressions of Interest must be accompanied by a completed Contact Sheet.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the Client in an envelope marked "Expression of Interest for consultancy services for Preparation of the Local Roads Improvement Project in Moldova", to the address mentioned below by 7 July, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. (local time) in hard copy: one (1) original and three (3) copies and one (1) electronic copy on CD-ROM.

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