

Request for Expressions of Interest

Moldova Road Sector Program Support Project CONSULTING SERVICES

This request for expressions of interest follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business, Issue No.703 of 31 May 2007.

The Government of the Republic of Moldova has received a credit in the amount of US\$ 16 million equivalent from the International Development Association (IDA), a loan in the amount of EUR 30 million from European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and a credit in the amount of EUR 30 million from European Investment Bank towards the cost of the Moldova Road Sector Program Support Project and it intends to apply the credit proceeds to payments for consulting services for the Construction Supervision of the civil works to be executed under the project.

The objective of the Construction Supervision services is to supervise the rehabilitation of about 225 km of public road through efficient and effective expertise resulting in the issue of a Provisional Acceptance Certificate and a Take-over certificate for the roads at the end of construction.

The consultant will be required to undertake the role of the "Engineer" as defined in the World Bank's Standard Tender Documents for the Procurement of Works (May 2006). The Services to be provided by the Consultant shall be for a period of about 24 months and shall include, but not be limited to (a) establishment of systems of managerial control for civil works contracts, (b) the Engineer's administration of Contracts, (c) control over estimated works quantities and contract outcome costs, in monitoring the progress of the Works and technical records; (d) control and acceptance of contractor's interim and final payment certificates; (e) the acceptance and/or approval of Contractors' key staff, insurances, guarantees, licenses, programs, method statements, traffic management plans, safety measures, suppliers and materials for incorporation in the works, the quality assurance and control plans, laboratory provisions and execution of the testing program, subcontractors, plant, equipment and environmental protection; (f) direct supervision of the works and monitoring of progress; (g) the preparation of progress, technical and contractual reports, (h) execution of the control tests of all materials intended for incorporation into permanent works and the all executed works in his own laboratory .

The rehabilitation works will be split into three separate works contracts: (i) (Balti – Sarateni road section - 67 km approx.; (ii) Chisinau – Orhei road section - 40 km approx., and (iii) Chisinau – Hincesti road section - 30 km approx. The construction supervision services will also be divided into the same lots and may be awarded to either one single consulting firm or to different consulting firms for each lot:

- Lot 1 – Construction supervision of the Balti – Sarateni road section rehabilitation works;
- Lot 2 - Construction supervision of the Chisinau – Orhei road section rehabilitation works;
- Lot 3 - Construction supervision of the Chisinau – Hincesti road section rehabilitation works;

The State Road Administration now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above-mentioned services, for either specific lots or all three lots. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications, in which case the leading consultant shall be indicated.

In order to determine the capability and experience of consulting firms seeking to be short-listed, the information submitted in the EOI shall include, besides the company profile and organization, the following details of experience in similar assignments undertaken in the previous five years:

- project title, and brief narrative description of the project;
- contractual role of the firm, and functions and tasks carried out, including applicable national and/or international codes and standards, and certification;
- the presence of any affiliate or parent companies and their respective roles;
- location, and start and completion dates;
- contract value;
- name of the Client and funding source;

The consultant should also present the CV's of key full-time personnel in his Head/Regional Office, such as: quality assurance manager, chief engineer/technical director, experts, sector coordinators etc.

The information presented by the consultant should ideally not exceed 50 pages approximately.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, May 2004 (revised October 1, 2006).

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during the office hours from 9 AM to 5 PM.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by September 24, 2007 at 12:00 noon. They may also be delivered through E-mail to the address shown below.

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