REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND ROAD INDUSTRY STATE ROAD ADMINISTRATION

ROADS REHABILITATION PROGRAMME TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Ministry of Transport and Road Industry, (MTRI) represented by the State Road Administration, intends to apply for a loan from the European Investment Bank (EIB) for the development of the Roads Rehabilitation Programme. SRA intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to the employment of Consultants to provide Technical Assistance to the SRA. The programme will also include participation from the World Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The Contract for the Technical Assistance is expected to begin in July 2007 and to last approximately 36 months. It is envisaged that the Contract will require the services of one suitably qualified International Engineering and Management Consultant (IEMC) on a full-time basis plus the occasional inputs of other experts. The IEMC will provide technical and contractual expertise and will assist in the efficient and effective implementation of the Projects during the feasibility and environmental study, design, tender, construction and post-construction phases. The IEMC will support SRA in all aspects of its work as project promoter and Employer and will engage in horizontal activities including the training of staff and institution-strengthening. The IEMC will also be required to assist in the development of all aspects related to other potential road rehabilitation schemes in the Republic of Moldova. The IEMC must possess extensive experience of remeasure type contracts similar to the FIDIC Red Book; and shall possess a range of experience in the planning, design, and implementation of highway projects. The part-time supporting experts may include specialists in economic feasibility, environment, pavement maintenance, training, and legal/contractual matters.

This invitation for Expression of Interest is open to consulting companies from all countries. Interested parties are hereby invited to submit their Expressions of Interest. Further to this invitation a short-list will be established and the short-listed consultants will be formally invited to submit a technical/ financial proposal and may be called for an interview. In order to determine the capability and experience of firms seeking to be short-listed, applications shall include the following:

- Statement of Intention to participate in the selection process;
- Consultant's Data: name, status, address, telephone number, facsimile number, fields of expertise, annual turnover over last five years, number of permanent staff;
- Details of experience in similar assignments undertaken in the last ten years, including value of consulting services and value of works, location, number of staff involved in the contract, name of the Client, name of partners for contract execution and share of services, source of financing, type of services provided, contract commencement and completion dates, brief description of the contract;
- Curricula Vitae of IEMC
- Curricula vitae of short-term experts (one candidate each position) likely to be available for performance of the Services.

One original and three copies of the above information in the English language should be submitted to the address below in an envelope marked "Moldova, Roads Rehabilitation Programme, Expression of Interest for Technical Assistance Consulting Services", not later than April 20, 2007 at 10 AM (local time). Expressions of Interest submitted after the above-mentioned date and hour will be rejected. Expressions of Interest must be signed on each page and must not exceed 30 pages.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below:

The State Roads Administration MD-2004, Bucuriei str. 12A, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova