Request for Expressions of Interest

Moldova Road Sector Program Support Project CONSULTING SERVICES

Support in design and implementation of road maintenance reform

This request for expressions of interest follows the General Procurement Notice for the Road Sector Program Support Project that appeared in UN Development Business and dgMarket on September 26, 2009.

The Government of the Republic of Moldova has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) 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 **Support in Design and Implementation of Road Maintenance Reform.**

There are three key objectives of the consulting services:

- A. Provide assistance in designing and implementing the reform of road maintenance execution in Moldova. This will include (i) the reorganization and consolidation of the existing 39 road maintenance enterprises (mostly state-owned) into a smaller number of firms, (ii) strengthening their technical and managerial capacities in order to improve road maintenance system in Moldova, and (iii) defining an appropriate system of contractualization of road maintenance works.
- B. Provide assistance in the implementation of an adequate system for the periodic assessment of the Road Network Asset Value in Moldova.
- C. Review the existing Pavement Management System and provide assistance in implementation of necessary modifications and upgrading, in order to optimize road maintenance expenditures.

The State Road Administration now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above-mentioned services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

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). It is expected that the selection of the consultant will be based on the QCBS (Quality-and Cost-Based Selection) as per chapter II of the Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during the hours from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm or by e-mail.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by January 22, 2010, 5:00 p.m. (local time). Electronic submissions by e-mail are acceptable.

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