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MOLDOVA RURAL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT - P180153

NATIONAL ROAD ADMINISTRATION

**CLARIFICATION DOCUMENT No.4
TO BIDDERS' QUESTIONS ON RfB**

Rehabilitation Works on Corridor 8:

Lot 1: Contract MRCP/W1/01:

*Road G88: Cornești–Boghenii Noi–Năpădeni – M5, km 0+000–km
16+200*

Lot 2: Contract MRCP/W1/02:

*Road G88: Cornești – Boghenii Noi – Năpădeni – M5, km 16+200 –km
25+090 (Section 1) and Road G86: G88 – Dereneu – G85, km 0+000 –
km 8+395 (Section2)*

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Question 1

With reference to the amendment introduced under ITB 14.7 through Amendment Document No. 6, we kindly request clarification regarding the practical implementation of the VAT exemption mechanism regulated under Laws No. 176/2024 and 177/2024, Government Decision No. 114/2025 and Mobilization Date

A) In particular, we would appreciate your clarification on the following matters:

1. For supplies of goods and services intended for the implementation of the Project, will local suppliers issue invoices without VAT. or will VAT be charged initially and subsequently recovered through a deduction/refund mechanism?
2. In the event that VAT is initially paid by the Contractor, and considering that the Contractor will not issue VAT-inclusive invoices to your esteemed Administration, how will the deduction or refund mechanism operate in practice?
3. In the event that the VAT exemption mechanism cannot be effectively implemented for reasons beyond the Contractor's control, kindly clarify how the resulting costs, if any, will be addressed under the Contract.
4. We understand from the revised wording that the import of goods and services intended for the implementation of the Project is fully exempt from VAT (without the right to deduct). We kindly request your confirmation that no VAT will be payable at importation, provided that the relevant legal procedures are duly fulfilled.

B) Additionally, further to the deletion of the exchange rate note 1 under Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, we kindly request confirmation of the applicable exchange rate source and reference date to be used for conversion of financial data and contract values into EURO for qualification purposes.

Answer 1

A)

1. Both options are applicable. The supplier will issue a fiscal invoice exempted of VAT, with right to deduct, only after receiving the confirmation letter from the Beneficiary, in accordance with the mechanism provided in the Government Decision no.114/2025.
2. The Contractor shall apply for deductions of paid VAT to national fiscal authorities, in accordance with national legislation.

The detailed mechanism of deduction of the paid VAT is described in the Government Decision no.114/2025.

3. All future situations that may arise, will be assessed on a case-by-case situation and addressed in accordance with the legislation and contractual mechanisms.

4. We confirm that no VAT will be payable at importation of goods and services intended for Project’s implementation, in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 176/2024 and 177/2024 and Government Decision No. 114/2025.

B) please refer to the Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, in the second paragraph, as amended through Amendment no. 6 (Article 6), which sets forth that “Wherever a Bidder is required to state a monetary amount, Bidders should indicate the EURO equivalent using the rate of exchange determined as follows:

- For construction turnover or financial data required for each year - Exchange rate prevailing on the last day of the respective calendar year (in which the amounts for that year are to be converted) was originally established.
- Value of single contract - Exchange rate prevailing on the date of the contract.”

Question 2

With reference to Section IV - Bidding Forms, Appendix to Financial Part, Alternative B under Table C "Summary of Payment Currencies," we kindly request clarification on the following matters.

While the BOQ requires that unit rates and the total Bid Price be expressed in EURO, Table C requires that the amounts payable be stated according to the currencies of payment. In this context, should a portion of the Contract Price be calculated in local currency (MDL) under the price adjustment mechanism, kindly confirm whether the relevant EURO amount should be converted into MDL using a specific exchange rate to be specified by the Employer for the purpose of completing Table C, as the clear Identification of the applicable exchange rate source and reference date is essential to ensure that the total of the local and foreign currency portions corresponds exactly to the total Bid Price expressed in EURO in the BOQ.

Furthermore, we kindly request clarification as to whether the price adjustment amounts calculated in local currency during the execution of the Works will be paid to the Contractor in MDL or in EURO. In the event that such amounts are to be paid in EURO, please confirm which exchange rate date shall apply for converting the MDL amount into EURO.

In addition, in the event that price adjustment results in additional payments to the Contractor, kindly clarify whether such amounts will be financed by the lending institution under the Project financing arrangements or covered from the national budget.

Answer 2

The matters raised were largely addressed in the Clarification no.1 (Answer to Question 4), which we direct the bidders to consider in this respect, in addition to the following clarifications:

The selection of the currency(ies) that form the bid price is at the bidder’s discretion.

As per Clause 15, para. 15.1 of the Section I – Instructions to Bidders (ITB) - Currencies of Bid and Payment, “*The currency (ies) of the Bid and the currency (ies) of payments shall be the same and shall be as specified in the BDS.*” The BoQ indicates the EURO as an example currency.

Up to three currencies are permitted as per bidding documents. A bidder may choose to bid in several currencies (for example, Euro / USD & Moldovan Lei) or single currency (for Example, Moldovan Lei).

As we noted in the aforementioned Clarification no.1, should the bidder opt to use several currencies, the bidder shall modify the BoQ by adding the required number of supplementary columns (up to a maximum of three). The bidder shall then price the works according to these selected currencies.

For the avoidance of doubts, the BoQ has been modified to remove indication to EURO, except for the amounts indicated as Provisional Sums. Please refer to the Amendment no.8 to the Request for Bids issued on the same date with this Clarification Document.

If a bidder elects to price the works in several currencies, the *portion* of each amount allocated in each different currency is at the bidder’s discretion.

For the currencies of payment, please refer to the Section VIII - General Conditions (GC), incorporated by reference into the bidding document (and not provided as full text). The Sub-Clause 14.15 states that “The Contract Price shall be paid in the currency or currencies named in the Contract Data.

As we noted in the aforementioned Clarification no.1, Accepted Contract Amount is formed based on the bid price and the currency(ies) thereof. Depending upon the number of currencies the successful bid will be quoted in, the Accepted Contract Amount will be reflected in the Contract Data accordingly.

Each portion of the contract price will be paid separately in the currency in which the respective portion of the contract price is quoted by the bidder.

For price adjustment amounts calculated in local currency these amounts will be paid in the local currency.

The Price adjustment will be covered from the Provisional Sum for Contingency, and will be from the WB loan and Moldovan Road Fund as per proportions mentioned in the Section IX - Particular Conditions, Contract Data Part A, Sub-Clause 14.3.

Question 3

In Section III – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, exchange rate rules are specified for construction turnover (year-end rate) and for the value of single contracts (rate prevailing on the date of the contract).

However, no specific guidance is provided regarding the exchange rate to be applied in the relevant sections of Form FIN – 3.4: Current Contract Commitments / Works in Progress.

Could you kindly clarify which date should be used for determining the EUR exchange rate for the above-mentioned Form?

Answer 3

Please refer to the Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, in the second paragraph, as amended through Amendment no. 6 (Article 6), which sets forth that “Wherever a Bidder is required to state a monetary amount, Bidders should indicate the EURO equivalent using the rate of exchange determined as follows:

- For construction turnover or **financial data required for each year** - Exchange rate prevailing on the last day of the respective calendar year (in which the amounts for that year are to be converted) was originally established.”

[emphasis added]

Question 4

Further to our clarification request dated 16.02.2026, regarding the completion of Table C under Alternative B the currency allocation of the Bid Price, we kindly request additional clarification in order to fully understand the payment mechanism during contract execution.

In particular, where a foreign Bidder submits a multi-currency bid including a portion quoted in Moldovan Leu (MDL) for local inputs and EURO for foreign inputs:

Kindly confirm whether the MDL portion of the Accepted Contract Amount will be paid to the Contractor in MDL during contract execution;

or

Whether such MDL portion will be converted into EURO for payment purposes. If conversion applies, please clarify the exchange rate source and the reference date to be used.

Additionally, with respect to the price adjustment mechanism applicable during execution, where the adjustment calculation results in amounts expressed in MDL:

Kindly confirm whether such adjusted amounts will be paid in MDL; or

If paid in EURO, please specify which exchange rate date shall apply for conversion.

Answer 4

The bidding documents afford the bidders flexibility in quoting their prices in various currency with the purpose to allow the bidders managing exchange risks.

The payments will be made in the currencies the bidder chose to bid (which subsequently to the contract award become the currencies of the contract and the currencies of the payment). If the bidder

opts to quote a portion in MDL, respective portion of the contract price will be paid in MDL. There is no exchange rate applicable in this case.

Should a foreign bidder opt to quote any portion in Moldovan Lei, the bidder shall ensure it has in place the banking arrangements to be able to receive payments in MDL, as the latter is not a freely convertible currency. Bidders (foreign) are advised to check with their banking institutions whether those will be able to process payments in MDL before deciding whether to quote in MDL. Alternatively, (foreign) bidders, in case of award, will have to open bank account in a bank in the Republic of Moldova, for processing payments in MDL.

If the Bidder's intention is to receive the amount in EURO (or other foreign currency), the bidder shall quote in the respective currency.

Please refer further to the Answer to Question 2 above for the payment of price adjustment amounts calculated in local currency.

Question 5

With reference to Corridor 8 - Lot 2 (Section 1: G88 km 16+200 - km 25+090; Section 2: G86 km 0+00 - km 8+395), within the framework of the tender preparation process, we have reviewed the Bill of Quantities for Section 2 (G86 km 0+00 - km 8+395).

Under Bill No. 800, items 80202.1 and 80202.2 include the following works:

51 m - Arrangement of underground water supply, diameter 63 mm (in accordance with the technical drawings);

2 pcs - Manholes, diameter 1.0 m, for the underground water supply (in accordance with the technical drawings).

However, the corresponding technical drawings for these works could not be found among the drawings issued for this Lot, either in the original tender documents or in Amendment No. 6.

We kindly request that the relevant technical drawings be provided. Alternatively, we would appreciate confirmation of the exact chainage (km range or PC numbers) where the above-mentioned pipeline and manholes are to be constructed.

Answer 5

Item 80202.1 - Please refer to Section VII – Works' Requirements, Drawings (Volume 3.1 Road Works_S2.2, Sheet 98 (PC 21+50 - PC 21+72/Water supply transfer));

Item 80202.2 – the exact location will be provided to the Contractor during the execution of the works.

Question 6

Lot 1 & Lot 2:

1. Considering the response to the large number of clarification requests, the transmission of preliminary measurements for all categories of works leading to the revision of the lists of quantities and the long period of time from the first clarification request sent and the response to them, approximately 3 months, leads to the need to resend requests for quotations to the main suppliers and subcontractors in order to revise prices.

Taking into account the above, we kindly request that the deadline for submitting the offer be extended by 15 working days.

2. To prove similar experience of the proposed personnel, is enough to complete the PER-1 and PER-2 forms, without attaching supporting documents? Please clarify.

Answer 6

1. There is no further time available in the project timeline to extend further the deadline for bid submission, beyond the extension already provided earlier.

2. Please refer to Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, Contractor’s Representative and Key Personnel, which sets forth that “The Bidder shall provide suitably qualified personnel to fill the following positions. For each position the Bidder will supply information on candidate, each of whom should meet the experience requirements specified below.” Forms PER-1 and PER-2 are the minimum the bidder shall provide in its bid. Bidders are free to provide any other information to confirm personnel’s experience.

Question 7

Lot 1:

According to Volume 6.1_Detailed list of Quantities page 133 we have a D1000 mm tubular culvert at PC71+73.42 and in Volume 3.1_Road Works (drawn part) we have a D1200 mm culvert at the same km position, please clarify the type of bridge and the quantities that will be taken into account.

Answer 7

The dimension of the pipe culvert at PC71+73.42 is 1200mm diameter are provided in the Construction Drawings, refer to Section VII – Works’ Requirements, Drawings (Volume 3.1_Road works). The estimated quantities of the respective works are distributed throughout various Bill 500 items.

Question 8

Lot 2:

1. According to answer to clarification nr.79 “The Description of the Item No 50405.6 was revised as follows: “Precast RC slab 300x150x10cm – Dala prefabricate de beton armat 300x150x10cm”. The revised BoQ is provided in Amendment No.6 to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications.”

The description has not been modified.

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Lot 2: Contract MRCP/W1/02: Road G88: Cornești – Boghenii Noi – Năpădeni – M5, km 16+200 –km 25+090 (Section 1) and
Road G86: G88 – Dereneu – G85, km 0+000 – km 8+395 (Section2)”

2. According to answer to clarification nr. 80 “The Description of the Item No 70106.3 was revised as follows: “Install new signs on new poles Type 2000x1020 – Instalarea indicatoarelor rutiere noi pe stilpi noi 2000x1020 mm””.

The revised BoQ is provided in Amendment No.6 to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications.” The description has not been modified.

Answer 8

1. The revised description of the Item 50405.6 for Lot 2 is provided in Amendment no.8 to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications.
2. The revised description of the Item 70106.3 for both Lots is provided in Amendment no.8 to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications.