
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

MOLDOVA RURAL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT - P180153

NATIONAL ROAD ADMINISTRATION

**CLARIFICATION DOCUMENT No.1
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

“Referring to ITB 7.1 of the above procurement please clarify the below question:

Item ITB 18.1 states: “*The Bid shall be valid until: March 18th, 2025*”.

Please confirm correct date of the bid validity.”

Answer

Please refer to Amendment no.4 to the RfB, dated January 06, 2026.

Question 2

“Contract Data, Item 14.3 “*Period of Payment and Sub-Clause 14.7 Payment of Special Conditions states, the "At the end of each month. Payments under this contract will be prorated based on the agreed funding sources, with 53.00% allocated from IBRD/IDA and 47.00% from the Road Fund co-financing. The allocation of amounts from each source will be properly documented and justified at the time of each payment."*

Is our understanding correct:

- at the end of each month, the Contractor is obligated to send the IPC to the Engineer;
- payment will be made from two sources: IBRD = 53% and DorFon = 47%.
- Please also describe the mechanism for issuing IPCs to these two funding sources.”

Answer

It is a correct understanding that the requests for payment shall be submitted on a monthly basis. However, to maintain consistency with the contractual terminology, it should be noted that the Contractor’s submission takes the form of an Application for Interim Payment in accordance with Sub-Clause 14.3, which is to be furnished to the Engineer. The Interim Payment Certificate (IPC), as referred to in Sub-Clause 14.6, is subsequently prepared and issued by the Engineer to the Employer.

It is also correct that the certified amounts under each IPC will be split by the Engineer between the two financing sources, namely 53% from IBRD/IDA and 47% from the Road Fund co-financing.

Only the certified amounts included in the IPC will be divided into separate columns in the IPC sheet, reflecting the respective portions financed by each source. Based on this IPC, the Contractor shall prepare and submit two separate invoices, corresponding to the amounts certified for each financing source. The format of the invoices and the IPC breakdown sheet will be subject to review and coordination with the Engineer prior to first submission.

Question 3

“According to Qualification Criteria, Item 4.2 “Specific Construction & Contract Management Experience” (i) the Bidder should demonstrate “...*similar contracts specified below that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or Subcontractor* **between 1st January 2019 and bid submission deadline**”

Please confirm that a contract, signed in 2018, commenced in 2019 and completed in 2024 complies with the above time frame condition.”

Answer

As could be derived from the language of the requirement under the criterion at hand, for a contract to be considered qualifying the participant, the timewise point important for such determination is the moment such contract is *satisfactorily and substantially* **completed**. In this respect, any referenced contract of which the satisfactory and substantial completion date falls within the stated timeframe will be considered affirmatively for the purpose of qualifying the participant.

Question 4

“According ITB 36.1:

«*The currency that shall be used for Bid evaluation and comparison purposes to convert at the selling exchange rate all Bid prices expressed in various currencies into a single currency is: **Moldovan Leu.***

*The source of exchange rate shall be: **National Bank of Moldova.***

*The date for the exchange rate shall be: **the date of bids opening.**»*

The currency(ies) of the Bid shall be converted into a single currency in accordance with the procedure under Alternative B that follows:

Alternative B: Bidders quote in local and foreign currencies

The Employer will convert the amounts in various currencies in which the Bid Price, corrected pursuant to ITB 35, is payable (excluding Provisional Sums but including Daywork where priced competitively) to the single currency identified above at the selling rates established for similar transactions by the authority specified and, on the date, stipulated above.»

- Is our understanding correct, that unit rates of the BoQ can be quoted in deferent currencies? If yes, the BoQ form contains only column for Euro (**Unit price, €Pret unitar,€**) - is it aloud to change the BoQ format?

- May the Tenderer quote only in Euro and submit Offer in one currency (e.g. Euro)?

-The tender documentation contains form **Table C. “Summary of Payment Currencies Table: Alternative A.”** Should it be filled in and submitted? If yes, please confirm what exchange rate should be indicated in this form?

Please confirm that the Performance Security can be obtained in Euro. If not, what exchange rates should be used in case the currencies of the Contract are different.”

Answer

I.

Please refer to the Section II, Bid Data Sheet, Clause ITB 15.1, which states in this respect the following:

“(a) The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the Bidder in the Bill of Quantities separately in the following currencies:

(i) for those inputs to the Works that the Bidder expects to supply from within the Employer’s Country, in Moldovan Leu, and further referred to as “the local currency”; and

(ii) for those inputs to the Works that the Bidder expects to supply from outside the Employer’s Country (referred to as “the foreign currency requirements”), in up to **any three foreign currencies**.

“The requirement refers to the overall price structure of the bid. Each individual **unit rate and price** in the Bill of Quantities (BoQ) **must be quoted entirely in one single currency**. The option to use up to three foreign currencies (plus the local currency) applies to the **allocation of different items or sections of the BoQ** to those currencies, not the splitting of a single unit rate.

(emphasis added)

Consequently, 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) and the bidder shall quote accordingly. However, it shall be noted that each item of the BoQ shall be quoted entirely in one single currency (and not pricing the same BoQ item in various alternative currencies). In addition, the Letter of Bid - Financial Part shall bear the resulting sub-sums of each currency component.

II.

It is further confirmed, to the express question in this respect, that the Bidders can quote only in Euro and submit the bids in one currency (e.g. Euro), without this instant response being deemed to represent an Employer’s preference in respect of any currency(ies).

III.

Table C. “Summary of Payment Currencies Table: Alternative A and Table B: Alternative B are meant to put into effect provisions of the Section II, Bid Data Sheet, Clause ITB 36.1.

Under the said provision “Alternative B: Bidders quote in local and foreign currencies” has been made applicable to the current procurement process. Therefore, the Table A is not applicable and must be disregarded by the bidders.

IV.

Please refer to the Section IX – Particular Conditions of Contract, Part A – Contract Data, Sub-Clause 4.2, Performance Security, which states that “The Performance Security will be ... in the same currency (ies) of the Accepted Contract Amount...”

Accepted Contract Amount is formed based on the bid price and the currency(ies) thereof.

Therefore, the currency(ies) of the bid is determinative of the currency of the Performance Security. In the specific context of the question, in case the bid is quoted in Euro, Performance Security will be provided in Euro.

As could be further derived from the language of the referenced clause, it also flows that in case of multi-currency bid (and contract), Performance Security as well shall be in several currencies (which could be in the form of either one single instrument or separate instruments per each currency).

Question 5

“I'm referring to the new bid: Contract title: Procurement of Rehabilitation Works on Corridor 8: Lot 1: Contract MRCP/W1/01: Road G88: Cornești – Boghenii Noi – Năpădeni – M5, km 0+000; we could not find the reference to the Bid guarantee. Please tell me where to find this in the tender documents.”

Answer

Bid Security is not required for this procurement.

As per the Section II – Bid Data Sheet (BDS), ITB 19.1, a **Bid-Securing Declaration shall be** required.

Please refer to the Form of Bid-Securing Declaration, presented in the Section IV – Bidding Forms, which shall be provided for the purpose of the ITB 19.1.

Question 6

“We kindly request an extension of the tender submission date to **19.12.2025** to allow sufficient time for preparation.”

Answer

Please refer to Amendment no.4 to the RfB, dated January 06, 2026.

Question 7

“Bid Securing Declaration

According to BDS Clause ITB 19.1, a *Bid Securing Declaration* is required. No *Bid Security*

amount is indicated in the documents.

Please confirm that submission of the *Bid Securing Declaration* will be sufficient and that no monetary *Bid Security* is required.”

Answer

Please refer to the Answer to **Question 5**.

Question 8

“Reference to PCC Sub-Clause 14.7(c)

In the PCC, reference is made to Sub-Clause 14.7(c); however, such a clause does not appear under ITB or the corresponding General Conditions section.

Please clarify or provide the relevant explanation for this reference.”

Answer

The referenced provision shall be read in conjunction with the Section VIII – General Conditions (GC), which text, however, is not reproduced in the bidding document (bidders must obtain it from FIDIC) and which are only incorporated by reference.

Please refer to the General Conditions of Contract for Construction, 2017. The Sub-Clause 14.7(c) states:

“the amount certified in the FPC within the period dated in the Contract Data (if not stated, 56 days) after the Employer receives the FPC.”

The provision referenced in the questions at hand complement the time period required in the General Conditions.

For the sake of clarity, please note that ITB is not the proper part of the bidding documents, which the PCC shall be read in conjunction with.

Question 9

“Road Fund Definition

PCC Sub-Clause 14.3 states that 47% of the payments will be covered by the *Road Fund*.

Please confirm whether this *Road Fund* refers to a fund under the *IBRD/World Bank* or a fund under the *Government of Moldova*.”

Answer

Road Fund refers to the one operated by the *Government of Moldova*.

Question 10

“According to Section IX Particular Conditions of Contract Sub-Clause 14.1, Tax exemptions will be applied to the project. We kindly request you clarify if tax exemption will be extended to subcontractors, low tier subcontractors and material suppliers or not.”

Answer

The tax exemption is applied to all tiers of sub-contractors and suppliers to the extent the goods, works and services provided by such entities are proved to be used for the Project.

Question 11

“After examining the bid data sheet, we understand that only FORM OF BID-SECURING DECLARATION is requested instead of unconditional guarantee issued by a bank (bid bond) with our financial offer. Kindly confirm this issue.”

Answer

Please refer to the Answer to **Question 5**.

Question 12

“According to BID DATA SHEET (ITB 18.1), validity of bid stated as 18 MARCH 2025. We understand that it was written incorrectly. Kindly confirm this issue.”

Answer

Please refer to Amendment no.4 to the RfB, dated January 06, 2026.

Question 13

“In Section II – Bid Data Sheet (BDS), the reference number of the Request for Bids (RFB) is stated as MRCP/W1/01. However, in the Request for Bids – Works, the reference number appears as RFB No: MRCP/W1/01-02, and the document describes two separate lots:

- Lot 1: MRCP/W1/01 – Road G88: Cornești – Boghenii Noi – Năpădeni – M5, km 0+000 – km 16+200
- Lot 2: 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 (Section 2)

Could you please clarify the correct reference number of this tender (RFB)?”

Answer

The correct reference number of the Request for Bids is MRCP/W1/01-02. Please refer to the Amendment no. 1 to the Bidding Documents dated October 29, 2025.

Question 14

“In Section II – Bid Data Sheet (BDS), clause ITB 18.1, it is mentioned that “The Bid shall be valid until: March 18th, 2025.” However, this date has passed.

Also, the same date is mentioned as “letter of acceptance date” in Section IV – SCHEDULE D – Mobilization Schedule.

Could you please clarify the corrected bid validity and letter of acceptance date?

Answer

Please refer to Amendment no.4 to the RfB, dated January 06, 2026.

Question 15

In Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, Contractor’s Representative and Key Personnel, for the position of Contractor’s Representative / Project Manager, it is stated that the candidate should hold a “*Master’s degree in Construction Management, Civil Engineering or equivalent.*”

Regarding the above statement, could you please confirm whether the term “equivalent” could be interpreted to include a candidate holding a Bachelor’s degree in an engineering discipline, combined with more than 25 years of relevant professional experience, including the management of multiple FIDIC-based construction projects? If not, could you please clarify what the term “equivalent” specifically refers to?

Answer

The question appears to conflate the aspects of education with experience, while those are evaluated as separate attributes of a proposed expert for the position.

The term “equivalent” is being added to the bidding documents in continuation of those two expressly mentioned fields (Construction Management, Civil Engineering) so as to afford flexibility to the participants to propose personnel from other fields which might be suitable for the role. However, participants are invited to exercise professional judgment in order to decide whether an expert having education in any equivalent field is suitable to discharge the role for which the participant is intending to propose such expert.

Please also refer to the Amendment no.6 to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications, where requirement for Master’s degree has been replaced with the requirement for Bachelor’s degree.

Question 16

In Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, Contractor’s Representative and Key Personnel, for the position of Bridge / Structure Engineer, it is stated that the candidate should hold a “Master’s degree in Structural Engineering or Civil Engineering specializing in bridge construction.”

The requirement specifies a Master’s Degree in Structural Engineering or Civil Engineering specializing in bridge construction. Is it possible to assign a professional with over 35 years of experience in bridge and structural works, including the management of multiple FIDIC-based projects, as the Bridges & Structures Manager?

Answer

Similarly to the previous question, it appears to conflate the aspects of education with experience, while those are evaluated as separate attributes of a proposed expert for the position.

It is at the discretion of the bidders to exercise professional judgement in internal evaluation of the personnel for the required roles, who best suits the requirements of the evaluation criteria.

The Client will evaluate at the respective point in time each proposed expert based on the complete information in the bid, rather than based on partial information provided in questions at this stage of the process.

In the specific context of the question, please also refer to the Amendment no.6 to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications, where requirement for Master’s degree has been replaced with the requirement for Bachelor’s degree.

Question 17

“In Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, 1.5 Equipment, upon review of the “Equipment Type and Characteristics / Minimum Number required” table, the bidder noted that there is no **Item No. 10** between the **Item No. 9 (Hydraulic excavator min capacity 1.5 m³)** and **Item No. 11 (Road marking equipment – thermoplastic)**. Please clarify if there is any key equipment for the missing **Item No. 10.**”

Answer

The lack of a number in the numerical row is an editorial error.

Please refer to the Amendment no.6 to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications.

Question 18

“In Section IV – Bidding Forms, “Format of Volume 1,” under the Bid Component Section I, “Bid Security – Demand Guarantee” is listed as a required document. However, the tender package includes only the Form of Bid-Securing Declaration (page 125).

Therefore, the tenderer understands that only the Form of Bid-Securing Declaration needs to be completed, and it is not necessary to submit a Bid Security – Demand Guarantee for the tender. Could you please confirm.”

Answer

Please refer to the Answer to **Question 5**.

Question 19

“In Section IV – Bidding Forms, the currency specified for financial data forms (from FIN – 3.1 to FIN – 3.4) is Euro (EUR), however in the Experience forms (EXP – 4.1, EXP – 4.2 (a), EXP 4.2–(b) and EXP 4.2–(c)) and Form CON-2 the contract values are expressed in US Dollars.

Could you please clarify which currency should be considered for the above mentioned forms.”

Answer

Please refer to **Amendment no.6** to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications, which states EURO as the applicable currency for the purpose of the mentioned forms.

Question 20

“In Section IX – Particular Conditions, Part A (Contract data), the identification of “**Sections**” indicates Lot 1 as “**Not Applicable**”. However, according to all other parts of the tender documentation Lot 1 is included in the scope of the tender.

Could you please clarify on the status of Lot 1 in the Contract Data”

Answer

Indeed, the procurement documents seek bids for two Lots.

The wording “Not Applicable” in Section IX – Particular Conditions of Contract, Part A – Contract Data, Sub-Clause 1.1.73 (Sections) is meant to convey that the Lot 1 is not divided into Sections (unlike the Lot 2, where the works are split into Section 1 and Section 2).

Question 21

“In Section IV – Bidding Forms, Format of Volume 3, Bid – Financial Part, Bid Component, Section 1 – Financial Part, Appendix to the Financial Part, the following are listed: “Table of

Adjustment Data,” “Table A. Local Currency,” and “Table B. Foreign Currency (FC).” However, these tables are not included in Section IV – Bidding Forms. Please clarify.”

Answer

“Under the original version of the bidding documents, it was intended that the prices would not be subject to price adjustment. Accordingly, the table was excluded by an explicit statement in the document under the heading “Schedule of Cost Indexation”, which stated “Not applicable.”

Please note that price adjustment has now been made applicable to this procurement through the **Amendment No. 6** to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications, and the corresponding tables required to implement such adjustment have been added to the document.”

Question 22

“In the Section IX – Particular Conditions of Contract, Part A: Contract Data, under Sub-clause 6.5, it is stated that work is to be carried out "5 days per week, 8 hours per day, excluding locally recognized days of rest, Saturdays, Sundays, and all government-recognized public holidays." The Bidder has faced limitations in previous projects, where work was restricted to 09:00 to 17:00 on weekdays and was not permitted on weekends due to the engineer's absence on site. Therefore, the Bidder respectfully requests the Employer to consider modifying this condition.”

Answer

Please refer to PCC, Part B, Sub-Clause 6.5 as modified by the **Amendment no.6** to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications.

Question 23

“In the Section IX – Particular Conditions of Contract, Part A: Contract Data, Sub-Clause 1.1.84, the Time for Completion is specified as 548 days, with no provision for price adjustment, and the Commencement Date is defined as 95 days after the Letter of Acceptance.

However, considering the current global crisis and the ongoing war situation, material prices are subject to significant fluctuations, which increases the financial risk for the Bidder and limits the ability to propose competitive prices.

Therefore, the Bidder respectfully requests that:

- The Completion Date to be 730 days because of the many rainy days on project location
- The Price Adjustment mechanism be made applicable to this Contract; and
- The Commencement Date be aligned with the start of the construction season, particularly if the Letter of Acceptance is issued after February 2026.

It should be noted that, under such circumstances, the period of 95 days for mobilization and obtaining the necessary authorizations, and 548 days for completion of the project may not be realistic.”

Answer

Please refer to the **Addendum no.65** to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications for modified Time for Completion and related clauses.

Question 24

“In the event of circumstances beyond the Contractor's control, such as a flood, war, or a new pandemic, will you continue to compensate for item descriptions which are listed in “**Bill No 000, General Requirements**” in the case of a time extension?”

Answer

The circumstances will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, based on the time and circumstances of their occurrence, if the case.

Question 25

“The Bidder asks the Employer whether, in the event of an extension, the Employer will compensate the Contractor for the prolongation costs.”

Answer

Any extension is case-specific and shall be decided based on the factual data at the time the circumstances leading to the need for such extension occur, depending upon to which the need for extension is attributable.

Extension of time is extensively regulated by the contract text in the Sub-Clause 8.5 [Extension of Time for Completion].

Further, the contract, in Sub-Clause 20.2 [Claims for Payment and/or EOT] grants extensive role in making determinations of the claims for the extension of time to the Engineer, rather than to the Employer.

Question 26

“In Moldova, there is only one quarry supplying granite aggregates for hot mix asphalt, located in Soroca. Due to the lack of competition and the limited production capacity of this quarry, price increases occur frequently.

Alternative supply options, such as railway transportation from Ukraine and other regions of Moldova, are also subject to irregular tax increases imposed by the respective railway authorities. Another potential alternative, river transportation from Romania, is affected by low water levels in

the Prut River during the dry season, which limits material quantities and significantly increases transportation costs.

Given these challenges, and considering that the tender specifications state that no price adjustment mechanism shall apply, the Bidder kindly requests that the Employer reconsider this provision and allow for the application of price adjustments to ensure fair and realistic pricing.

The Bidder would be grateful if the Employer could clarify whether such an adjustment can be accommodated under the Contract conditions.”

Answer

Please refer to **Amendment no.6** to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications, which made the price adjustment applicable.

Question 27

“Bidder has experienced significant financial implications arising from the importation of various equipment into the Republic of Moldova under the temporary admission customs regime for the execution of the Works. Initially, customs clearance was performed under regime 53 00, which provided full suspension

of import duties. Following the entry into force of Customs Code No. 95 of 24 August 2021 (effective as of 1 January 2024) and Government Decision No. 92/2023, regime 53 00 was replaced by regime 54 53, which introduced a 3% monthly customs duty (Code 020) payable upon closure of the temporary admission regime.

Although Article 427(22) of the Customs Code grants a guarantee exemption for equipment imported for internationally financed infrastructure projects, it does not exempt the Contractor from the newly imposed 3% customs duty. Previously, under Government Decision No. 1140/2005, as amended by GD No. 246/2010, such equipment was exempted from all import duties under the temporary admission regime. The removal of this exemption has resulted in an additional and unforeseen financial burden for the Bidder.

Accordingly, the Bidder kindly requests the Employer to clarify whether any relief, exemption, or alternative mechanism exists to mitigate the impact of this newly introduced customs duty.”

Answer

Any costs which are not expressly exempted in the applicable tax regulations shall be factored by the bidders in the rates.

Question 28

“Due to the fact that the time between the bid document issuance-obtainment and the bid submission date is quite narrow, and considering the large volume of bidding documents which shall be reviewed in detail and evaluated carefully, as well as the high quantity of BOQ items contained within the tender documents for **Lot I and Lot II**, the preparation of the bid including the comprehensive review and accurate pricing of the Bill of Quantities requires a considerable amount of time.

In addition, we would like to respectfully note that our company, as well as other potential bidders, have submitted a significant number of **clarification requests and questions** to the Employer, reflecting the complexity and scale of the tender. The incorporation of the forthcoming clarifications into the bid preparation process will require additional time to ensure full technical and contractual compliance.

Furthermore, **the technical proposal** is very extensive and contains numerous sections requiring **in-depth development, coordination, and adaptation to local (Moldovan) conditions**. Properly addressing these project-specific and site-related details is essential to achieve a technically sound and practically feasible offer, which also demands additional time and careful verification.

As our company gives great importance to this Project and aims to submit a **complete, compliant, and competitive proposal**, the bidder kindly request your esteemed office to consider the above circumstances specific to **Lot I and Lot II** and to grant a **time extension of three (3) weeks** from the current submission deadline of **18 November 2025**.

This extension would enable all bidders to finalize technically precise and commercially responsive bids, ensuring transparency, fair competition, and equal opportunity among participants in full alignment with international procurement principles.

The bidder sincerely hope for your understanding and favorable consideration of this request, and the bidder look forward to your positive response.”

Answer

Please refer to Amendment no.4 to the RfB, dated January 06, 2026.

Question 29

According to the Bidding Documents, Section III – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, Table A. Qualification Criteria, paragraph

4.2(b) Construction Experience in Key Activities, the minimum required experience in successfully completed key activities shall be demonstrated under a single contract executed within the last five (5) years.

However, it is also stated that the volume, number, or rate of production of any key activity may be demonstrated through one or more contracts combined, provided that these contracts were executed during the same time period (footnote 9).

We kindly request a clarification on this point to confirm how the minimum experience in performing key activities should be demonstrated — whether it must be shown through a single contract, or if it is permissible to combine multiple contracts executed during the same time period.

Answer

Footnote 9 contains a generic statement applied, unless each specific requirement does not rule otherwise. For ex., under item iii) experience in Bridge construction/rehabilitation works executed within the last five (5) years. Those two parts of the text read in conjunction, allows a bidder to refer to multiple contracts to qualify under the respective item.

Where specific conditions are stated, generic statement under footnote 9 does not apply. For ex., under item i) is required experience in Production and laying asphalt concrete on a single contract in the past five (5) years not less than 25,000 tons in order to qualify for one lot. The wording of the

qualification item is express in stating that such quantity of the respective works shall be yielded under a single contract to qualify.

Question 30

We kindly request an extension of the bid submission deadline for the project by two weeks. The additional time will allow us to better prepare the technical and financial proposals, review the project and the site, and conduct a market analysis. We would appreciate your favorable consideration.

Answer

Please refer to Amendment no.4 to the RfB, dated January 06, 2026.

Question 31

In the Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, Page 56, it states that,
“b) *Management of Material Shortages or Delays: Describe any additional measures implemented to manage potential interruptions or delays in material supply. Explain how these measures will help prevent construction delays and ensure the timely availability of necessary materials throughout the project.*

Evaluation will be based on presented methodology for ensuring the uninterrupted material supply and on provided preliminary purchase contracts and delivery schedule’s of the main construction materials.

The technical scoring will be assessed in sub-criteria as follows:

(i) Methodology for ensuring uninterrupted material supply.

Excellent 4 points

Good / Satisfactory 3 points”

Poor 1 point

None 0 points”.

Please clarify what are these criteria’s for evaluation and qualification, also how will be decided by the Employer whether the Bidder should receive an “Excellent” or “Poor” rating?

Answer

Please refer to **Amendment no.6** to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications, for a detailed description of the bids evaluation methodology.

Question 32

In the Section IV, SCHEDULE G - ESHS Management Strategies and Implementation Plans (ESHMSIP), it is stated that,

“In developing these strategies and plans, the Bidder shall have regard to the ESHS provisions of the contract including those as may be more fully described in the Works Requirements in Section VII, including:

Environmental and Social Management Plan – Corridor 8.1

Site-Specific ESMP,

Resettlement Policy Framework,

Labor Management Plan,

Stakeholder Engagement Plan.”

Please clarify the exact meaning of the “Resettlement Policy Framework”.

Answer

Please refer to **Addendum no.6** to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications, which modifies the bidding documents by inclusion of a link to the RPF (Resettlement Policy Framework).

Question 33

Lot 1: For BoQ_LOT 1_G88 - km 0+00 - km 16+200 - Bill No. 000, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS / Lista Nr. 000, CERINȚE GENERALE - INSURANCES AND PERFORMANCE GUARANTEESIGURANȚA ȘI GARANȚIA DE PERFORMANȚĂ:

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According to Tehnical specifications - CHAPTER 008. INSURANCES AND PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE - “The Contractor shall provide insurance in accordance with Conditions of Contract and of the Contract Data and shall provide a Performance Security in accordance with Conditions of Contract. The Employer’s personnel shall be included in the insurance coverage. “According to the specifications in the contract, there is no mention of an amount or percentage of the works. We would like to ask you to send us the value of the performance guarantee.

Answer

Please refer to the bidding document’s Section IX – Particular Conditions of Contract, Part A – Contract Data, Sub-Clause 4.2 [Performance Security], which states that “The Performance Security will be in the form of a demand guarantee in the amount(s) of 10 percent of the Accepted Contract Amount, excluding Provisional Sums, and in the same currency (ies) of the Accepted Contract Amount in the format provided in Section X - Contract Forms.”

Question 34

Lot 1: Please specify in which currency the offer will be submitted (USD, EURO or Moldovan Leu).

Answer

Please refer to the Answer to **Question 4**.

Question 35

Lot 1&2: Please specify what will be your criteria to accept the subcontractors proposed by the Contractor.

Answer

Please refer to the Section I – Instructions to Bidders (ITB), Clause 17.6, which sets forth that “Bidders may propose subcontracting up to the percentage of total value of contracts or the volume of works as specified in the BDS. Subcontractors proposed by the Bidder **shall be fully qualified for their parts of the Works.**” [emphasis added]

In continuation of this, Section II – Bid Data Sheet (BDS), i.e., Clause 17.6, part (b), specifies that “Bidders proposing to subcontract shall specify in Section IV- Bidding Forms, the activity (ies) or parts of the Works to be subcontracted along with complete details of the subcontractors and their qualifications.”

Please refer further, as relevant to the matter, to the subsequent clause of the same Section I, where Clause 17.7 provides that “In case prequalification has not been carried, for the purpose of assessment of qualifications of the Bidder, subcontractor’s qualifications shall not be used by the Bidder to qualify for the Works **unless their specialized parts of the Works are designated by the Employer in the BDS as can be met by subcontractors** referred to hereafter as Specialized Subcontractors, in which case, the specific experience of the Specialized Subcontractors proposed by the Bidder, as specified in Section III-A, Qualification, may be considered in the assessment of the qualifications of the Bidder.” [emphasis added]

As could be derived from the respective corresponding provision of the Section II – Bid Data Sheet (BDS), i.e. Clause 17.7, no such specialized parts of the Works are designated by the Employer.

This answer refers to both Lots 1 and 2.

Question 36

Lot 1&2: Please provide us with the forms in section IV – Bidding Forms in editable format.

Answer

Please refer to **Amendment no.6** to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications, where the reference and links to the editable forms has been provided.

Bidders shall exercise high prudence to take into consideration and address any changes in the forms which have been made through the Amendment issues subsequently to issuing the original bidding documents.

This answer refers to both Lots 1 and 2.

Question 37

Lot 1&2: Because the requirement of the Project Managers experience should be demonstrated in FIDIC type contracts, please confirm that the Romanian version of FIDIC contracts, approved by Government Decision no. 1/2018 is considered similar, equivalent and accepted. In this way there will be registered no limitations to the access of bidders.

Answer

NRA has not carried out comparative analysis of the type of contracts applicable in various jurisdictions to assess to what extent such documents are similar to FIDIC.

Bidders shall exercise professional judgement in their preliminary in-house evaluation of potential candidates for any position and decide at their sole discretion whether any of the considered candidate is suitable under the applicable requirements or not.

The purpose of these clarifications is to address and resolve any possible ambiguities or lack of sufficient clarity within the bidding documents, rather than to address or comment on the specific factual situations of any prospective participant.

This answer refers to both Lots 1 and 2.

Question 38

Lot 1&2: Because in other countries the road specific activities are performed by key personnel, that graduated university studies in the field of railways, roads and bridges, please confirm that this type of bachelor degree (diploma) is considered equivalent to your requirement for the completion of civil engineering studies (requested for the key personnel).

Answer

Yes. The purpose of the criteria is not to set any limitations on graduates before or after the education reform has been implemented in the Republic of Moldova. Such reform shall not have the effect of a cut-off date either in respect of those who graduated before the reform or after it. University studies will be accepted for the purpose of evaluation.

Please also refer to the Amendment no. 6 to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications, where requirement for Master’s degree has been replaced with the requirement for Bachelor’s degree.

This answer refers to both Lots 1 and 2.

Question 39

Lot 1&2: Considering the 15 years of experience in similar positions, requested for "Contractor's representative/Project Manager" and the fact that the Bologna system (bachelor's degree, master's degree, doctorate) was implemented through the Bologna Declaration in 2004, please specify whether equivalence with graduation diplomas issued in the system prior to 2004, which represent the completion of a 5-year bachelor's degree, is accepted. In neighboring European countries like Romania, it is accepted.

Answer

Please refer to the Answer to **Question 38**.
This answer refers to both Lots 1 and 2.

Question 40

Lot 1&2: Please clarify what the statement regarding "relevant academic qualifications" refers to. Is it possible to provide a training certificate in the required professional domain (accompanied by a university degree in another domain) or is it mandatory that each key personnel has graduated a faculty with the required specialization expressly required.

Answer

Requirement for academic qualifications refers to formal educational credential that shows a person's knowledge and skills in a particular subject, awarded by universities.
Trainings will not be considered substitute for academic qualifications.

This answer refers to both Lots 1 and 2.

Question 41

Lot 1&2: The following specification: ***The bidders submitting bids for both Lot 1 and 2 must describe in the Method Statement how the combined requirements for staffing with the Key Personnel will be complied with does not seem to address to any of the key personnel. Please clarify for which of the contractors staff it is required.

Answer

Bidders submitting bids for Lot 1 and 2 must indicate if any Key Staff positions will be combined under a single expert for both lots, and, if applicable, provide an explanation detailing the feasibility of such combined approach.

This answer refers to both Lots 1 and 2.

Question 42

Lot 1&2: Regarding the above mentions please confirm whether the same key personnel may be used for the similar position on each lot.

Answer

The bidding document does not forbid such an approach. However, the bidder shall provide convincing rationale that such staffing manner is feasible and the workload for both lots will be properly managed.

This answer refers to both Lots 1 and 2.

Question 43

Lot 1&2: Please specify if the same equipment can be used for both lots.

Answer

Please refer to Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria (Without Prequalification).

The para. 1.5 Equipment of the referenced Section requires minimum number of equipment for each lot. For ex., for the Haulage trucks, in case of bidding for both Lots, the bidding document requires minimum 45 trucks (30 – Lot 1 and 15 – Lot 2), as follows:

	Equipment Type and Characteristics	Minimum Number required for:	
		Lot 1*	Lot 2*
13	Haulage trucks (min. capacity 15 tonnes each)	30	15

Therefore, for the purpose of qualification, the bidder could not propose the same haulage trucks proposed for Lot 1 in order to qualify for the Lot 2 as well.

However, if the bidder intends to use during the contract performance greater quantity of equipment (e.g. 50 Haulage trucks), for the number in excess of the minimum required (i.e. 5 trucks), the bidding documents do not forbid using the same equipment offered in excess number for both lots.

Where use of the same equipment for the purpose of qualification is allowed for both lots, the bidding document is express in stating that. Thus, in a note with double asterisk the bidding document expressly provides that “** The bidder submitting bids for more than one lot may provide a single Asphalt mixing plant for both lots.”

This answer refers to both Lots 1 and 2.

Question 44

Lot 1&2: Please clarify how bidders will prove ownership of the proposed equipment.

Answer

The bidder shall provide copies of the documents that evidence the right of ownership flows (e.g. contract of sale, registration certificates, etc.).

Bidders shall note that lease or rental is not forbidden by the bidding documents.

This answer refers to both Lots 1 and 2.

Question 45

Lot 1&2: If a Company Representative signs the Bid and presents in this regard a Power of Attorney from 2 Company Administrators (who dully represent the company together) is that authorisation considered responsive?

Answer

The bidder shall attach Power of Attorney validly issued as per the company’s by-laws, signed by such representatives and by a number of such representatives as required by such company’s by-laws so as the Power of Attorney could be considered valid in accordance with the Civil Code.

This answer refers to both Lots 1 and 2.

Question 46

Lot 1&2: Regarding the USD equivalent exchange rate for similar experience contracts, it is mentioned:” Exchange rate prevailing on the date of the contract.” Do you mean by that the date for signing of the contract or the date for the taking over moment? We consider the Taking Over should be more representative regarding the payments, so the exchange rate should lead to this term.

Answer

Please refer to Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria (Without Prequalification).

The language in preamble, second bullet point is unequivocally stating that “Exchange rate prevailing **on the date of the contract**” shall be used. [emphasis added]

Bidders shall comply with the stated requirement.

This answer refers to both Lots 1 and 2.

Question 47

Lot 1&2: Both of the Lots should be executed in parallel in 18 months (concomitantly), or in shorter periods, one after another?

Answer

Please refer to Section IX - Particular Conditions, Sub-Clause 1.1.84 [Time for Completion], as amended through the **Amendment no.6** to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications, which requires that the works shall be completed within 730 days from the Commencement Date. It is at the contractor’s discretion how to program the works (in any of the two lots) within the required time.

This answer refers to both Lots 1 and 2.

Question 48

Lot 1&2: Please clarify the following:

A. The Performance guarantee (10% of the contract value) will be completely returned after 18 months, at the Taking Over of the works (receptie la terminarea lucrărilor).

B. At the same moment 50% of the Retention money (5% of the contract value) will be returned to the contractor and immediately after providing a bank guarantee, the rest of 50% will also be paid back to the Contractor.

C. Is it possible to issue from the beginning of the contract a Bank letter of guarantee for the Retention money so the amounts shall not be retained from the payments?

Answer

No. Such a modification will significantly disrupt the contractual mechanisms and the practice settled based on its application.

This answer refers to both Lots 1 and 2.

Question 49

Lot 1&2: Please specify in which currency the offer will be submitted (USD, EURO or Moldovan Leu).

Answer

Please refer to Answer of **Question 4** above.

Question 50

We hereby inform you that after examining the projects, we have found that the contract is one of a complexity that requires a longer time commitment than that provided for by the current conditions of the tender (18 months).

Based on the above, we respectfully request the examination of the possibility of increasing the execution period of the works up to a minimum of 24 months.

Answer

Please refer to the **Amendment no.6** to the RfB, issued on the same date with these Clarifications, which changes time for completion and the part related to the application of the price adjustment.

Question 51

Request the extension of the bid submission deadline by 6 weeks beyond the currently amended deadline of 18 December 2025. The request is submitted in accordance with ITB Clauses 7.2 and 8, primarily due to the mandatory site visit requirement and associated visa processing timelines for our technical team based in India.

Answer

Please refer to Amendment no.4 to the RfB, dated January 06, 2026.

A site visit has been conducted by the Employer following the pre-bid meeting organized at National Road Administration premises, before which the Employer did not receive any information of participants unable to participate due to visa issues.

Site visit is not mandatory. As per the referred ITB 7.2 of the bidding documents, “the Bidder is advised to visit and examine the Site of Works and its surroundings...”

Question 52

We respectfully request that you provide the budget allocation corresponding to each lot.

Answer

The cost estimate for each lot is as follows:

Lot 1: Euro 15 200 000,00

Lot 2: Euro 14 550 000,00