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**REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

**MOLDOVA RURAL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT - P180153**

**NATIONAL ROAD ADMINISTRATION**

**CLARIFICATION DOCUMENT No.2  
TO CONSULTANTS' QUESTIONS ON RFP**

**Consulting Services for Construction Supervision of:**

**The Rehabilitation of Corridor 24:**

**Lot 1: Section 1: road G133:G132-Tartaul-Gotesti-R34, km 0+000-  
km 14+920 and Section 2: road G132:R35-Baimaclia-Taraclia  
de Salcie-R32, km 14+220-km 20+350**

**Lot 2: Section 1: road G131:R35-Bobocica-G132, km 0+000-km  
12+000, and Section 2: road G131:R35-Bobocica-G132, km 12+000-  
km 22+110**

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### Question 1

Section 2. Instructions to Consultants E. Data Sheet. ITC 2.4 “The Client will provide the following inputs, project data, reports, etc. to facilitate the preparation of the Proposals: Please refer to Section 7 [Terms of References].

We would like to request all available relevant documents (data, reports and etc.) for this project if there is any to prepare the methodology.

- i) Drawings
- ii) Technical Specifications
- iii) Etc. (Any related documents)

### Answer

The documents related to the construction works are still in preparation stage, while the procurement procedure for the works is not yet initiated.

As soon as the respective documents will be ready for release, the consultants will be provided the link where those will be accessible for download.

### Question 2

We would kindly like to ask for clarification related to the procurement of *Consulting Services for Construction Supervision of the Rehabilitation of Corridor 24* and regarding Chapter 7.2 of the Terms of Reference, “Facilities”.

Please confirm whether our understanding is correct: the Consultant engaged under this assignment is not obliged to provide an office or laboratory in Moldova. Instead, the contract office and laboratory will be provided by the Works Contractor, and these premises will remain available for use by the experts within the consulting team.

### Answer

The understanding is correct. The office and laboratory will be provided by the Works Contractor, as described in the TOR. These facilities will be made available for use by the Consultant’s experts.

The works contract will contain a detailed description of the respective facilities, a full excerpt of which is provided in the Annex 1 hereto.

### Question 3

With reference to the RFP (Page 89) regarding the required experience for the Team Leader, could you kindly confirm whether experience with FIDIC 1999 and FIDIC 2010 Conditions of Contract will be considered acceptable and equivalent to the requirement of having experience in at least one project of similar size and complexity carried out under the FIDIC 2017 General Conditions of Contract for Construction (Red Book)?

**Answer**

Experience under FIDIC 1999 and FIDIC MDB 2010 Conditions of Contract is acceptable for meeting the main requirement described in item (i). However, experience under the FIDIC 2017 General Conditions of Contract for Construction is specified separately under item (ii) and will be evaluated independently as an additional advantage. Therefore, experience under the earlier editions (FIDIC 1999 or FIDIC MDB 2010) will not be considered equivalent to experience under FIDIC 2017 for the purpose of this sub-criterion

**Question 4**

With reference to the RFP, page (page 91), the general qualifications and experience of the quantity surveyor, if the candidate holds a BSc in surveying Engineering kindly confirm that it will be considered as equivalent to University Degrees in Highway or Civil Engineering?

**Answer**

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.

**Question 5**

With reference to the RFP Data Sheet, page 33, item 14.1.1, it is indicated that shortlisted Consultants may associate with a non-shortlisted consultant (“Yes”). Could you kindly confirm that such an association is permitted, and advise if there are any specific conditions or limitations that we should be aware of?

**Answer**

Yes, it is acceptable for the shortlisted Consultants to associate with a non-shortlisted consultant.

Participants shall take into account the limitation stated in the Annex A to the ToR, in respect of the design company, which could only be retained in the role of Designer Representative.

Please also refer to Article 1 of the Amendment No. 1

**Question 6**

Could you kindly confirm the currency in which the Financial Proposal should be priced? Should it be in EURO or USD?

**Answer**

Please refer to the Clause 16.4 of the Section 2. Instructions to Consultants - Data Sheet, where it sets forth that “Consultant may express the price for their Services in any fully convertible currency, singly or in combination of up to three foreign currencies.”

Therefore, Consultants are free to quote in any currency, including those mentioned in the question.

**Question 7**

Kindly confirm whether electronic signatures are acceptable for both the Technical and Financial Proposals.

**Answer**

The use of electronic signatures for both the Technical and Financial Proposals is not acceptable.

Please refer to the Clause 17.1 of the Section 2. Instructions to Consultants, E. Data Sheet, where it sets forth that “The Consultants shall not have the option of submitting their Proposals electronically.” This refers to any part of the proposal individually or to the entire proposal.

In addition, as per Clause 17 of the Section 2. Instructions to Consultants, C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation, “An authorized representative of the Consultant shall sign the original submission letters in the required format for both the Technical Proposal and, if applicable, the Financial Proposal and shall initial all pages of both.”

**Question 8**

With reference to the RFP, page 87, Consultant’s Qualification, Team Composition, Staffing Input & Qualification Requirements, Note 1, which states:

“In case that two (2) works contracts will be signed with two (2) different contractors for each Lot, the supervision team will need to mobilize two (2) Site Supervisors, two (2) Land Surveyors, and two (2) Laboratory Assistants. If only one single works contract is signed, the Consultant will be required to mobilize only one (1) Site Supervisor, one (1) Land Surveyor, and one (1) Laboratory Assistant.”

We kindly request your reconsideration of this note. The mentioned positions are highly sensitive and require continuous presence at the project sites. It may not be practical for these experts to alternate between two locations, as their duties could require them to visit each site more than once per day and to be repeatedly available on-site.

Therefore, even if the construction contracts are awarded to a single contractor, it would be operationally more effective for these key supervision staff to be permanently stationed at each project location.

**Answer**

Consultants should include in their proposals staff who are specified in the table.

The ToR shall remain unchanged.

**Question 9**

In the Section 3. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms, page 41, FORM TECH-4, “Description of the Approach, Methodology, and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment” – “**Page limit: 30**”

In our perspective, the TECH-4 has valuable information that will guide the entire process of developing the contract, and it should run through the specific chapters and subchapters, which have a great number of pages over the 30-page set limit.

- Please confirm that the offeror can present a coherent, complete and detailed approach on the TOR (namely TECH-4) and that exceeding the 30-page limit will not result in disqualification or a reduction in points due to the number of exceeded pages.

The offerors should not be limited to the number of pages to present their perspective on the implementation of the contract. We request the removal of this limitation.

**Answer**

The page limit has been adopted and consistently applied by the Client, considering that the General Conditions of the works contract, as developed by the FIDIC (the professional organization), already provides a detailed description of the Engineer’s mission, status and exact tasks at each phase of the works contract, which the Engineer shall implement.

The page limit set in the requirements is deemed sufficient for any firm to describe its approach in a manner to stand out beyond the minimum standard of services described in the General Conditions, focusing on genuinely unique aspects of its approach, without repeating the parts of the text from the FIDIC General Conditions.

Therefore, consultants are invited to comply with the limits set forth in the RFP.

**Question 10**

Regarding the “Page limit: 30” for FORM TECH-4, “Description of the Approach, Methodology, and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment”

- Please let us know what the consequences are of exceeding the required number of the 30-page limit;
- Let us know if exceeding the required number of will result in disqualification or a reduction in points due to the number of exceeded pages.

## Answer

Any pages beyond the page number limit will not be considered. In this specific instance, page 31 and onward will not be examined and any matter described in the respective part will not be part of evaluation. Consequently, it might further reflect in the number of points assigned for this part of evaluation.

## Question 11

For the key experts: **Materials Engineer (ME)** and **Quantity Surveyor (QS)**, the requirement is:

- » The candidate is expected to have previous **experience in the position of Materials Engineer** (...);
- » The candidate is expected to have previous **experience working as a Quantity Surveyor** (...)
- Please confirm that the experience on similar positions (*ex: Quality Engineer, Quality Responsible, Materials control engineer, Quality control engineer / Quantity Engineer, Quantity Responsible, Cost Manager etc*) is accepted and scored, regardless of the name of the position held, but which involved similar responsibilities.

## Answer

Participants are invited to exercise professional judgment in order to decide whether an expert having experience in any similar position is suitable to discharge the role for which the participant is intending to propose such expert.

The ToR, in para.4 CONSULTANT'S QUALIFICATION, TEAM COMPOSITION, STAFFING INPUT & QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, states requirements under the following categories:

- a) General Qualifications and Experience:
- b) Specific experience and expertise related to the task:
- c) Specific Experience in the European region and/or former Soviet Union countries:

Each of the above categories are further broken down to several specific requirements, against which the proposed personnel will be evaluated (rather than by the name of the position held in the past by the proposed expert).

## Question 12

Regarding the Non-Key Experts, as per Section 7. Terms of Reference, page 98: "The CVs for Non-Key and Short-term Experts are not reviewed prior to the signature of the Contract and should not be included in technical proposals."

- Please confirm that the *Non-Key* and *Short-term Experts* will not be nominated in the submitted offer.

- If so, please confirm that the offerer can not complete/fill in the second column in FORM TECH-6 – the **name** of Non-Key Experts.

**Answer**

It is confirmed that this understanding is correct in respect of both aspects addressed.

The description of the requirements for the positions of Non-Key and Short-term Experts are included in the ToR for the ease of reference during contractual stage, should the need arise to deploy such experts, and are not deemed to be evaluated during the proposal stage.

**Question 13**

We kindly ask for an extension of the submission date with a period of at least 3 weeks in order for shortlisted companies to be able to prepare proposals that are as competitive as possible and in accordance with the Beneficiary's requirements.

**Answer**

Please refer to Amendment no.1 to the RFP.

**Question 14**

The requirement to address cybersecurity risks is included as part of the General Instructions of the Standard Form (FORM TECH-4) and is not explicitly defined within the Terms of Reference. Kindly clarify what is specifically required by the Consultant regarding this matter.

**Answer**

Please refer to Amendment no.1 to the RFP.  
The requirement to address cybersecurity risks has been excluded.

**Question 15**

With reference to the RFP, page 110, Section 7, Terms of Reference –7.2 (Facilities), kindly confirm that the Contractor will provide the topographical survey equipment, and the Consultant will check the calibration of this equipment.

**Answer**

No. Topographical survey equipment is not in the list of facilities provided by the contractor and consultant shall make it available on its own. Please refer to the Annex 1 to this Clarification Document for the excerpt of Chapter 004, Engineer's Facilities, Part 2 - Requirements – Technical Specifications of the Works Contract, for exact details of facilities to be provided by the contractor to the Engineer. While the respective part of the document is pending finalization and approval for release, there is no intention for the condition on the survey equipment to be modified.

**Question 16**

We kindly request an extension of the submission deadline for a minimum of two (2) weeks in order to allow sufficient time for the preparation and submission of a comprehensive and detailed proposal.

**Answer**

Please refer to Amendment no.1 to the RFP.

**Annex 1**  
**to the Clarification Document no.2**

Chapter 004, Engineer's Facilities,  
Part 2 - Requirements – Technical Specifications of the Works Contract

## **CHAPTER 004. ENGINEER'S FACILITIES**

### **004.01.Project Office**

Not Used.

### **004.02.Engineer's Contract Office**

The Contractor shall provide, furnish and maintain a contract office for use by the Engineer and his staff on the site of the Works. The contract office shall be at a location provided by the Contractor and approved by the Engineer. It is required that the Engineer's Offices are located within close proximity to the Contractor's Offices and Laboratory.

The required floor area and number of rooms are indicated in Sub-Clause 004.04 below and in the Appendix 2A and 2B to these General Requirements.

The office shall be provided with new furnishings and fittings as specified in paragraph 004.07 below and the Appendix 2B to these General Requirements.

The office building shall be completed and ready for occupation and use by the Engineer within 12 weeks from the Contract Commencement Date. Failure to comply with this requirement will result to a penalty of 1000 EURO/day calculated from the end of the 12 week period, but not more than 1% of the Contract price, and in a withholding of an additional EURO 100,000 from the subsequent interim payment certificate until the Contractor complies with this requirement.

### **004.03.Laboratory Office**

The Engineer's Contract Office shall have a minimum internal floor area of 200sq.m with provision for a minimum of 6 offices, a meeting room, kitchen, store room, ablution facilities (Male & female) and external covered car parking. (Appendix 2A). Details of the internal layout shall be agreed in consultation with the Engineer.

The Contractor shall provide within the site laboratory specified in Section 005 below an office for use by the Engineer as specified in Sub-Clause 004.04 and Sub-Clause 004.05 and the Appendix to these General Requirements.

The office shall be provided with new furnishings, fittings and equipment as specified in Sub-Clause 004.07 below and the Appendix 2A and 2B to these General Requirements.

The office for use by the Engineer shall be available at the same time as the laboratory becomes operational.

No separate payment will be made for the Engineer's Office that is located in the Contractor's Laboratory.

### **004.04.Layout of Engineer's Contract Office and Laboratory Offices**

The Engineer's Contract Office shall have a minimum internal floor area of 200sq.m with provision for a minimum of 6 offices, a meeting room, kitchen, store room, ablution facilities (Male & female) and external covered car parking. (Appendix 2A). Details of the internal layout shall be agreed in consultation with the Engineer.

The Contractor shall submit details of all works necessary for the completion of the offices to the Engineer for approval based on the requirements of the whole of Chapter 004 and also incorporate the requirements as detailed in the Appendix 2A and 2B to these General Requirements defining floor areas and number of rooms and equipment / furniture. The details of each office shall be submitted for the Engineer's approval within 28 days of the Letter of Acceptance. The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining any necessary permits, licenses, etc. for the work involved in providing the offices.

### **004.05.General Requirements for Engineer's Office**

A paved access road from the highway shall be provided to each office complex and covered hard standing shall be constructed to accommodate the number of vehicles specified in the Appendix to

these General Requirements. Each office complex and its covered and open hard standing shall be surrounded by a 1.8 metre high security fence at least four metres from any external wall of the office. A lockable gate, sufficient for vehicle entry, shall be provided in the fence. The area within the fencing shall be well lit.

Throughout the construction period and for as long thereafter during the Defects Liability Period as the Engineer may require, the offices shall be retained, maintained, repaired and serviced by the Contractor.

All buildings shall be insulated and weatherproof suitable for the climate. All windows shall be double glazed and have opening sashes. Entrances shall be provided with two sets of doors. Natural lighting and ventilation shall be provided to each room but adequate electric lighting shall be provided for working during periods of darkness. Every room shall be provided with at least three earthed electric power points with a total supply of 4 kilowatt per room.

Each room shall be provided with a split unit heating/cooling air conditioning unit suitable to maintain an internal temperature of 20<sup>0</sup>C to 25<sup>0</sup> C whatever the external temperature.

Ceiling heights shall be at least 2.6 metres.

Each building shall have an enclosed entrance lobby overlooked by one of the rooms.

Each kitchenette shall contain a sink, two base and two wall cupboards, a 150litre refrigerator and a two-ring electric hotplate.

Wash-hand basins, showers and kitchenette sinks shall be provided with constant hot and cold water.

The layout, design, materials, workmanship, finishes, fittings and furnishings shall all be to the satisfaction on the Engineer.

The offices shall be properly cleaned by the Contractor daily for as long as they are required by the Engineer. Repairs to the buildings, contents and equipment, together with all services, shall be carried out by the Contractor immediately the need arises.

Maintenance of Office the Contractor shall make all arrangements for, and pay for, all necessary charges for installation and the continuous provision and maintenance of the following services to the offices:

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The offices shall be cleaned by the Contractor on a daily basis for as long as such service is required by the Engineer. Repairs to the buildings, contents and equipment, together with all services including:

- a) Electricity for lighting and power,
- b) Air-conditioning and heating,
- c) Fresh potable water,
- d) Hot water,
- e) Disposal of sewage and waste water,
- f) Disposal of solid waste,
- g) Provision and maintenance of reliable high speed internet server /router with access by all Engineer's staff.

The Contractor shall supply to the Engineer and all Engineer's staff appropriate PPE including: safety helmets, safety shoes / boots, rubber boots, waterproof clothing, reflective jackets for both summer and winter conditions, hats, sunscreen (SP+50) and any other necessary protective clothing.

Sufficient items shall be provided for the Engineer's staff and authorized site visitors and shall be replaced as required by the Engineer.

#### **004.06. Temporary Offices**

Pending completion of the Contract Office specified above, the Contractor shall provide temporary office accommodation at or near the site at a location to be approved by the Engineer for the use of the Engineer. This temporary office accommodation shall be provided within 21 days of the Commencement Date and before the Contractor commences the Permanent Works on site. The temporary office accommodation shall have at least 60% of the required floor area of the permanent office, shall be furnished and equipped to the Engineer's requirements to a level not exceeding that specified for the permanent office, shall have adequate washing and sanitary, and heating and cooling facilities and shall be maintained by the Contractor. Furnishings for the temporary office may be new furnishings and equipment which will subsequently form part of the furnishings of the permanent office.

#### **004.07. Furniture for the Engineer's Offices**

The Contractor shall supply furniture and equipment as required by the Engineer of good quality suitable for hard and prolonged use. The list given in the Appendix of these General Requirements is indicative of the requirements but the Engineer reserves the right to make minor alterations to the list when the Contractor's organizational arrangements and the detailed layout of the offices are known. The Contractor shall obtain the approval of the Engineer for all items before purchase.

In addition to furnishings the Contractor shall supply at least two licensed copies of any proprietary software which the Contractor utilises for the design, control, planning and operation of the works. The computer software shall be in the English language and shall be licensed for use by the Engineer. The Contractor shall supply a complete set of operating manuals, in English, for all software.

All furniture procured for the offices shall revert to the Contractor at the end of the Contract or at such time that the offices are no longer required by the Engineer.

#### **004.08. Vehicles for the Engineer**

The Contractor is not required to provide vehicles for the Engineer.

#### **004.09. Communication Facilities for the Engineer**

The Contractor shall provide separate, direct international and local telephone lines and broadband internet access at the laboratory and contract offices. The Contractor shall allow for the purchase of the equipment and for rental, servicing and subscription costs and fees. The charges for international calls will be borne by the Engineer. The communication facilities shall be available at the same time as the offices in which they are located. Temporary offices shall be provided with at least local telephone and internet access services.

The Contractor shall pay all charges in connection with the use of these phones which shall be for non-international calls only. At the end of the Contract, and when no longer required by the Engineer, all communications equipment will revert to the Contractor.

#### **004.10. Miscellaneous Services for the Engineer**

The Contractor shall provide the Engineer with safety helmets, safety shoes, rubber boots, reflective jackets and any other necessary protective clothing. Sufficient items shall be provided for the Engineer's staff and visitors.

The Contractor shall provide the Engineer with such assistance as he may require at all times including weekends as assistance to the Engineer in the control and supervision of the works. Such assistance shall include, but not be limited to, assistance with sampling, laboratory testing and surveying. The Contractor shall provide personnel equal to the tasks required and shall maintain continuity of employment wherever possible.

**004.11.Housing for Engineer**

The Contractor is not required to provide housing for the Engineer.

**Measurement and Payment for Engineer’s Office**

Item 00401: The Engineer’s Contract office will be paid as a lump sum under Item 00401 and shall include all specified furnishing and equipment on the following basis.

80% of the accepted Lump Sum value upon confirmation that the Offices have been constructed and physically exist and subsequent acceptance by the Engineer that the offices are complete and accepted as being ready for occupation by the Engineer and his staff including confirming that all the specified furnishing and equipment is provided and the office is fit for use by the Engineer. (Appedix 2A and 2B).

20% of the Lump Sum value on completion of the project and demobilization / removal of the structure (or otherwise as agreed with the Engineer and Employer). The Contractor shall include provision for retaining the office during the Defect Notification Period, or for such period required by the Engineer / Employer.

Item 00402 : Monthly payment for the maintenance of the Engineer’s Contract Office will only commence when the offices are handed over to the Engineer, complete and furnished, with all services connected and operational.

If the office is to be removed at the conclusion of the works, then the Contractor must restore the site to its original condition, or, in the case of a brownfield site, when the site has been landscaped and re-vegetated to an acceptable standard.

There will be no separate pay item for the Engineer’s Office and amenities situated within the Contractor’s Laboratory. The provision of this office, including all specified furnishing and equipment, will be included within Pay Items 00401 and 00402.

In the event that the Contractor fails to provide any of the items or services required under the contract for the Engineer, the Engineer shall provide such items or services and shall be reimbursed for them by the Employer. The cost of such provision by the Engineer shall be deducted from payments due to the Contractor and such deductions shall not be limited to the amounts calculated on the basis of the rates and prices in the Bill of Quantities but shall be the full cost of such provision as notified by the Engineer to the Employer.

**Payment**

No.	Item	Unit of Measure
00401	Provide and furnish contract office	Lump-sum
00402	Maintain contract office	Monthly