
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

MOLDOVA RURAL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT - P180153

NATIONAL ROAD ADMINISTRATION

**CLARIFICATION DOCUMENT No.1
TO BIDDERS' QUESTIONS ON RfB**

**Rehabilitation of M1 Road: Romanian border-Leușeni-Chișinău-
Dubăsari-Ucrainian Border, km 0+000 – km 1+000 (BCP Leușeni)**

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Question 1

In the Tender Documents, it is stated that the construction experience for key activities should be evaluated for contracts completed or under implementation between 1st January 2020 and the bid submission deadline. However, for the specific activity "Production and laying of cement concrete", the requirement mentions a minimum quantity completed in the "past three (3) years".

Could the Employer please provide a clarification on this "three years" requirement and define which 3-year period within the general experience timeframe (starting from 1st January 2020) will be accepted for evaluation?

Answer 1

The three-year period shall be calculated backward from the Bid Submission Deadline, i.e. starting from 1st January 2022 and up to the bid submission deadline.

Question 2

Regarding the requirements for Contractor's Representative/Project Manager (Position No. 1) which states: "Master's degree in Construction Management, Civil Engineering or equivalent" with "15 years" of experience in a similar position:

Could the Employer please clarify if a candidate holding a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering with 15 years of professional experience would be acceptable for this position?

Additionally, regarding the term "or equivalent" mentioned under relevant academic qualifications, could the Employer please specify which other fields or disciplines will be considered equivalent for this position?

Answer 2

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 **Addendum no.1** 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 3

Please indicate if any security clearing is necessary before entering the site.

Answer 3

Considering that the sector of road, subject to rehabilitation, is in a border area, the access will be restricted. The company designated as the winner must send a notification that includes the estimated period for the execution of the works, the list of personnel who will execute the works, as well as the registered number of the equipment and machinery involved in the execution of the contract.

Question 4

Please inform if there will be any access restriction / controls for construction site or material supplies entering the border control area.

Answer 4

Please see the answer to question No. 3

Question 5

Please inform who will be responsible for the traffic management/deviation of the traffic in order to have a free working area.

Answer 5

The Contractor will be responsible for the traffic management, in close coordination with the Leușeni Customs administration.

Question 6

If it is contractors' responsibility, please confirm that no temporary sheltering or alike shall be provided to the border control.

Answer 6

No offices or site camps will be organized directly on the customs territory.

Question 7

Please confirm if a concrete mixing plant needs to be installed on site, if so please indicate if the client will provide an area which can be used.

Answer 7

The Contractor will be responsible for the installation of the concrete mixing plant, and the Employer will not provide any additional areas.

Question 8

Please specify which kind of slip form paver shall be is required (technical characteristics) e.g. max. 4,25m width as per drawing.

Answer 8

All the Technical characteristics of the formwork are reflected in Chapter 403.09 of the Technical Specification.

Question 9

Please confirm that the main concrete areas shall be laid down with a slip form paver and not a fixed formwork system.

Answer 9

According to Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, the Bidder shall provide further details of equipment (Concrete paver slipform), and the main concrete areas shall be laid down with a slip form paver.

Or, the Bidder can propose another method for laying of concrete (for example a fixed formwork system), with the condition to achieve the needed parameters (F4,5 with the requested exposure classes).

Question 10

Please clarify the drawing "the scheme of cutting and reinforcing joints in a concrete slab" differs from the description given in the technical specifications (cutting width, dowel type, tier bar type).

Answer 10

The scheme of cutting and reinforcing joints in a concrete slab will be according to Technical Drawings/Volume 3.1 Road Works, Sheet No.1, with 3 types of cutting and reinforcing joints.

Question 11

Please provide a price description.

Answer 11

The estimated budget for this assignment is Euro 2.400.000,00.

Question 12

Please specify if it is acceptable to convert the contract values for similar experience, at the euro exchange rate of the Romanian National Bank, considering that the contracts were in Romanian lei.

Answer 12

Please refer to the Section III – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, second sentence, which states that “Wherever a Bidder is required to state a monetary amount, Bidders should indicate Euro. [...] Exchange rates shall be taken from the publicly available source identified in the ITB 32.1.”

In accordance with ITB 32.1, “The source of exchange rate shall be: **National Bank of Moldova**”.

Question 13

Please specify the defects liability period for the executed works.

Answer 13

Please refer to the Section IX – Particular Conditions of Contract, Clause GCC 38.1, which states that “The Defects Liability Period is: 365 days.”

Question 14

According to **Section 22: Deadline for Submission of Bids – Clause 22.1**, which states that 'Bids must be received by the Employer at the address and no later than the date and time specified in the BDS. When so specified in the BDS, Bidders shall have the option of submitting their Bids electronically. **Bidders submitting Bids electronically** shall follow the electronic bid submission procedures specified in the BDS,' and considering that ITB 22.1 currently specifies that 'Bidders shall not have the option of submitting their Bids electronically,' we kindly request you to clarify whether the option for electronic submission is available for this procedure.

We would appreciate your confirmation on whether an electronic bid submission will be permitted.

Answer 14

Please refer to the Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS), the preamble, which states that “The following specific data for the Works to be procured shall complement, supplement, or amend the provisions in the Instructions to Bidders (ITB). Whenever there is a conflict, the **provisions herein shall prevail over those in ITB.**”

[emphasis added]

Therefore, bidders shall be guided by the provisions of the Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS), which in Clause ITB 22.1 states that 'Bidders ***shall not*** have the option of submitting their Bids electronically.’

Question 15

According to **ITB 14.5**, which states that 'The prices quoted by the Bidder shall not be subject to adjustment during the performance of the Contract,' and **ITB 18.3 (a)**, which specifies that 'The Bid price shall be adjusted by the following factor(s): N/A,' we kindly ask you to confirm that the offered price is fixed and will not be subject to any price adjustment or escalation.

Considering the current economic context characterized by high inflation rates and significant fluctuations in material costs, we would appreciate your official confirmation that the contract price will remain firm throughout the entire duration of the project, with no possibility of subsequent adjustments.

Answer 15

Price adjustment is not applicable to this contract. We confirm that contract price shall remain firm throughout the entire duration of the contract.

Question 16

According to **ITB 15.1**, which states that 'The price shall be quoted by the Bidder in: Moldovan Leu (MDL),' and **ITB 32.1**, which specifies that 'The currency that shall be used for Bid evaluation and comparison purposes... is: Euro,' we kindly ask you to clarify which currency shall be used for the Financial Offer.

Given this discrepancy, please confirm if the financial proposal should be submitted in **MDL or Euro**.

Answer 16

For a proper application of the requirements of the referenced Clause 15.1 of the Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS), it shall be read in its entirety.

The default currency for the bidders to quote is MDL.

However, it should be noted that it is not the only currency accepted to be used. The referenced clause provides a broad degree of flexibility to the bidders, as it flows from the following part of the referenced clause:

“

A Bidder expecting to incur expenditures in other currencies for inputs to the Works supplied from outside the Employer's Country (referred to as the “foreign currency requirements”) and wishing to be paid accordingly, shall indicate up to three foreign currencies of their choice expressed as a percentage of the Bid price, together with the exchange rates used in the calculations in the appropriate form(s) included in Section IV, Bidding Forms.

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It shall be further noted that the clause discussed does not set any proportion which the bidders shall use such different currencies and it is up to the bidders to decide in what currencies proportion to quote and whether to quote in different currencies.

As further aspect is raised in the question, it shall be mentioned that the currency(ies) of the bid and the currency of evaluation serve different purposes in the procurement process and the fact that those are indicated as different currencies does not constitute a discrepancy.

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).

Question 17

According to **ITB 19.9**, which states that 'If the Bidder performs any of the actions prescribed in **ITB 19.9 (a) or (b)**, the Borrower will declare the Bidder ineligible to be awarded contracts by the Employer for a period of five (5) years,' we kindly point out that the text for items (a) and (b) is missing from the provided documentation.

Given the severe nature of the penalty, we kindly request you to provide the full text of ITB 19.9 (a) and (b) so that we may fully understand the conditions leading to such ineligibility.

Answer 17

Please refer to the Section I - Instructions to Bidders (ITB), Clause 19.9, where full text of the condition is provided, which shall also be read in conjunction with the text of the Clause 19.9 of the Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS).

Question 18

Regarding the Letter of Bid form on page 56, Section IV – Bidding Forms, we kindly ask you to clarify if this template shall be used for both the Financial Proposal and the Technical Proposal.

Please confirm if this specific form is to be submitted as a single document covering both aspects or if separate versions of this form are required for each proposal?

Answer 18

It is confirmed that the Letter of Bid provided in the Section IV – Bidding Forms shall contain the bid price. (Bidders are advised that the subject procurement procedure **does not** follow the procurement method where separate Technical and Financial proposal are required).

Question 19

According to the **Technical Specifications – General Requirements for Engineer’s Offices**, it is stated that 'Throughout the construction period and for as long thereafter during the Defects Liability Period as the Engineer may require, the offices shall be maintained, repaired and serviced by the Contractor.' However, in Bill No. 000, Item 00402 (Maintain contract office), the quantity specified is only **12 months**. Given that the Defects Liability Period extends the duration of this obligation, we kindly ask you to clarify whether the cost for maintaining the office should be quoted for **24 months (covering both the construction and the defects liability period) or if the 12-month quantity in the Bill of Quantities (BoQ) remains the basis for the financial offer.**

Answer 19

The Bidders are requested to prepare the bids, based on the assumption that maintaining of contract office will be required for a period of 12 months, according to the BoQ.

Question 20

Regarding the materials resulting from demolition works that need to be recovered, we kindly request you to specify the transport distance to the designated storage or delivery location. Please clarify the exact location where these materials must be transported and handed over to the Employer.

Answer 20

Regarding the materials from demolition, we inform that a large quantity of demolished materials will be reused in new construction. Regarding the remaining materials, the Bidder will act according to Chapter 103.05/Demolition, which states that *the Contractor is responsible for the transportation of waste and demolished materials to disposal areas or landfill sites agreed with the authorities, having justification.*

In this regard, it is the Contractor's task to identify and use the disposal sites that are approved by the relevant authorities. Transport distances shall be deemed in the BoQ Unit Rates for the relevant Items.

Question 21

Regarding **Item 80301 (Complete construction of the modular police station module)**, we kindly request you to provide the detailed execution drawings and technical specifications. Specifically, we require details concerning the structural joints, electrical and plumbing networks, and the required equipment/furnishings for the module. Without these technical details, it is not possible to accurately estimate all concurrent works included in this item.

Answer 21

The Designer provided the parameters of the modular police station module – 3000x6000x2820 mm from sandwich panels with a thickness of 600 mm on the concrete foundation C30/37 XC4 XF1, (B-0.3 m x H-1.2 m).

In this regard, the Bidders are requested to quote their price offers according to the mentioned details.

Question 22

Regarding the **Provisional Sum for Adjudicator's costs**, please clarify the currency of the specified amount (50,000.00). We kindly ask you to confirm if this sum is fixed in Euro or if it must be expressed in **MDL** within the Financial Offer.

Bill: Provisional Sum

Item No. Nr. Art.	Item description Descrierea articolului	Unit of measure Unitatea de masura	Quantity Cantitatea	Unit price, € Pret unitar,€	Total price, € Pret total, €
1	2	3	5	4	6
PS001	Provisional sums for the Employer's portion of Adjudicator's costs Suma Provizionata pentru partea Clientului a platii pentru Expertul de solutionare a revendicarilor	Provisional Sum	1	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total Bill: Provisional Sum					50,000.00

Answer 22

Provisional Sum for Adjudicator's costs shall be quoted in EURO.

In this respect, please refer to the Clause 15.1 of the Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS), second sentence, where it states that:

“

A Bidder expecting to incur expenditures in other currencies for inputs to the Works supplied from outside the Employer's Country (referred to as the “foreign currency requirements”) and wishing to be paid accordingly, shall indicate up to three foreign currencies of their choice expressed as a percentage of the Bid price, together with the exchange rates used in the calculations in the appropriate form(s) included in Section IV, Bidding Forms.

“

As the costs for the Adjudicator is expected to be incurred in Euro, such costs shall be quoted in EURO.

Question 23

Regarding Bill No. 300, PAVEMENT STRUCTURE for the following item:

30707	Road pavement made of F4,5 road cement concrete, Rinc 4,5 Mpa XC4+XM2+XD3+XF4, with the application of a film under the concrete layer and the arrangement of joints, h=22cm (according to technical drawings) Îmbracaminte rutieră din beton de ciment rutier F4,5 Rinc 4,5 Mpa XC4+XM2+XD3+XF4, cu asternerea peliculei sub stratul de beton si amenajarea rosturilor, h=22cm (conform desenelor tehnice)	m ²	12,779.00
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Please specify the exact concrete strength class to be used (e.g., C30/37 or C35/45).

Answer 23

In order to achieve a flexural strength of 4.5 MPa and the mentioned exposure classes (XC4+XM2+XD3+XF4), the Bidders will use concrete C35/45.

Question 24

Regarding Bill No. 200, EARTHWORKS / Lista Nr. 200, LUCRĂRI DE TERASAMENT for the following item:

90106.1	Geogrid (Rp=50/50kN/m) Geogrila (Rp=50/50kN/m)	Square Meter m.p.	6,645.00
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We kindly request you to provide the specific characteristics of the Geogrid, according to the technical drawings **Geosynthetic material (Rp 50/50 kn/m E0 ≤ 13%)** whereas the technical specifications state „ **Geogrid Type 1** used to reinforce the embankment and stabilize slopes

The materials used to stabilize slopes and reinforcement the embankment shall be made of dense modular polyester fibre that is bonded to each other and protected by a layer of polymers with a low slump. The materials used shall be produced by a manufacturer specialized in the production of such geosynthetic materials according to ISO and corresponding to the following requirements:

Properties	[Standard]	UM	Parameters
Tensile strength, MD/CD	[EN ISO 10319]	kN/m	80/25 minimum
Elongation at max.load, MD/CD	[EN ISO 10319]	%	10/10 minimum
Permeability vertical	[EN ISO 11058 - Δh = 50 mm]	l/m ² s (mm/s)	75 maximum
Characteristic opening O ₉₀	[EN ISO 12956]	mμ	85maximu m

For slope protection and stability against erosions can be used confinement systems, as Geocells and Geomat 3D.

Geocell is a product of polyethylene material of a high density, used on slopes, road embankment slopes, reducing hydraulic energy and limiting the stress inside and underneath the cells, increasing the original strength, protecting the root systems, serving as a directional means for the surface drainage, preventing the ravines, avoiding loss of moisture. Geomat 3D is a three-dimensional geogrid made of polyester used on abrupt slopes, preventing soil erosion, stabilizing the surface soil layer and ensuring a permanent support required for growth of vegetation. The products used for

slope stability must be compliant with the following requirements, related to physical and mechanical properties:

Geocell Confinement Systems

Properties	Parameters
Cell Distance between Weld Seams	356 mm (±2%)
Cell Wall Heights	100 mm
Cell Dimension (Expanded)	260 x 224 mm (±3%)
No. of Cells/m ²	35

Geomat 3D – randomly arranged monofilaments

Properties	[Standard]	Unit	Parameters
Tensile Strength MD	EN ISO 10319	kN/m	30
Elongation		%	12.5
Tensile Strength CD	EN ISO 10319	kN/m	30
Elongation		%	12.5
Mass per unit area	EN ISO 9864	g/m ²	300

Answer 24

The Bidder are required to quote according to the Technical Drawings and to use the Geogrid Rp=50/50 kN/m.

Question 25

Regarding Bill No. 500, DRAINAGE STRUCTURES / Lista Nr. 500, STRUCTURI DE DRENAJ for the following item:

90103	Geocomposite Type3 Geocompozit Tip3	m ²	2995.00
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We kindly request you to provide the final technical characteristics, as according to the drawings **Geomaterial (Rp = 50/50 km/m)** whereas the Technical Specifications state “**Drainage Geocomposite Type 3**. The geocomposite used as a draining membrane shall consist of a core material of high permeability, obtained from extruded synthetic monofilaments polypropylene, twisted and bound with 2 filter geotextiles, fixed on it at hot temperatures. The geocomposite will be placed in the area of a subdrain pipe intended to capture the water and to convey it to the proper direction, manufactured by a specialized producer of geosynthetical products as per ISO, and compliant with the following requirements.

Properties	[Standard]	Unit	Parameters
Thickness	[EN ISO 9863-1]	mm	Min 20
Plane flow capacity - Soft/Rapid	[EN ISO 12958]	l/(m/s)	

i=1 (90grad) Load 20kPa			5.00
i=1 (90grad) Load 50kPa			2,40
Opening size	[EN ISO 12956]	mμ	85 maximum
Tensile strength, MD/CD	[EN ISO 10319]	kN/m	20/20 minimum
CBR puncture resistance	[EN ISO 12236]	N	1600 minimum
Cone drop test	[EN ISO 13433]	mm	21 maximum

Answer 25

The Bidders are required to quote according to the Technical Drawings and to use the Geogrid Rp=50/50 kN/m.