
MOLDOVA ROADS IV

NATIONAL ROAD ADMINISTRATION

CLARIFICATION DOCUMENT No.1

**Answers to the Requests for Clarification received from Consultants on
the Invitation for Expression of Interest**

**Consulting Services for Supervision of rehabilitation works
under Rehabilitation of M5 Border with Ukraine - Criva -
Balti - Chisinau - Tiraspol- Border with Ukraine Road, km
103+750 - km 133+000**

(client's reference RSP/CS/M5/01/2026)

Issued on August 3rd, 2026

Question 1

With reference to the Request for Expressions of Interest and the shortlisting criteria issued on July, 2026, specifically Criterion 2.2 – *Experience of the Consultant in Similar Locations*, we would like to inquire whether a project reference implemented in any of the specified countries, but related to water, wastewater, or infrastructure projects, would be considered compliant with this criterion and therefore receive the full score.

Furthermore, should this experience be provided by a sub-consultant as part of the proposed team, should it also be considered for the evaluation of this criterion and receive the corresponding score?

Answer 1

Under this criterion, Consultant's experience in various geographical areas and exposure to different social and legal environments is evaluated. Thus, Consultant's experience in similar locations can be related to any type of sector, such as transportation, energy, environmental, buildings, etc.

Experience provided by a sub-consultant shall not be considered for the purposes of the evaluation.

Question 2

Request you to please share the consultancy Budget.

Answer 2

The Client does not practice publishing the budget for the assignments, while leaving at the Consultants' discretion to decide on the approach to price the resources planned for the performance of assignment.

In addition, at this stage, there is no financial proposal required from participants, and the participants need no financial indication to guide itself in order to prepare their EOIs.

Question 3

Experience of Consultant in similar assignments: the requirements refer to roads, is it possible to consider also railways instead of roads?

Answer 3

The requirement specifically refers to experience in assignments for road construction or rehabilitation works. Experience in railway projects will not be considered as a substitute for the required road experience.

Question 4

Experience of Consultant in similar assignments: making reference to the following requirement:

The Consultant shall have successfully and substantially (at least 80%) completed at least two (2) construction supervision assignments for road construction or rehabilitation works, each with a minimum contract value equivalent to EURO 2,500,000 (two million five hundred thousand). These assignments must have been completed either as a sole consultant or as a member of a JV/Consortium/Association, with a minimum participation share of fifty percent (50%). Eligible assignments shall fall within the last ten (10) years, from 1 January 2015 up to the deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest.

Is it possible to reach the value equivalent to EURO 2,500,000 by summing up the two (2) construction supervision assignments?

Answer 4

Under the respective sub-criterion, the Client will evaluate aspects expressly stated therein:

“The Consultant shall have successfully and substantially (at least 80%) completed at least two (2) construction supervision assignments for road construction or rehabilitation works, **each with a minimum contract value equivalent to EURO 2,500,000** (two million five hundred thousand).”

Therefore, aggregation of the sums of two contracts in order to qualify for the minimum threshold set is not acceptable.

Question 5

We are writing to seek clarification on the following point in the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the abovementioned project, in order to ensure that our Expression of Interest is complete and compliant with the requirements.

Consultant's Team Composition - Deputy Team Leader Position: Both the Expression of Interest document and the Terms of Reference (TOR) indicate that the Consultant's team is expected to include the following positions: Team Leader/Engineer's Representative, Deputy Team Leader, Materials/Quality Assurance Manager, Quantity Surveyor, and Bridge Engineer. However, during our review of the TOR, we noted that the required qualifications and experience requirements, as well as the description of responsibilities for the Deputy Team Leader position, are not provided.

Clarification Requested: Could you kindly clarify whether the Deputy Team Leader position is intended to be part of the Consultant's team structure? If so, we would appreciate your guidance on the applicable qualifications and scope of duties for this position, as these details do not appear to be included in the current version of the TOR.

Answer 5

The version of the TOR shared with the prospective participants is a preliminary one.

The Request for Proposals, to be released at the next stage in the process, will contain an updated ToR, where a position of Deputy Team Leader will be added.

It is also noted that in accordance with the Request for EOI, at this stage, the personnel will not be evaluated, and, therefore, lack of the mentioned position in the ToR shall not impact in any fashion preparation of the expressions of interest by the prospective participants.

Question 6

With reference to the Shortlisting Criteria 2. Company experience: 2.1 Experience of Consultant in similar assignments, bullet no. 2:

The Consultant shall have successfully³ completed at least two (2) supervision assignments for road construction during the last ten (10) years involving works executed under the FIDIC Conditions of Contract for Construction (Red Book), either the 1st Edition 1999, the 2nd Edition 2017 (including amendments), or the FIDIC MDB Harmonized Edition 2010. For each assignment, the Consultant shall demonstrate a minimum own input of fifty percent (50%).

We note that the shortlisting criterion refers to the FIDIC MDB Harmonized Edition 2010. Bearing in mind the fact that the FIDIC MDB Harmonized Edition (May 2005), is an earlier edition of the same Conditions of Contract for Construction (Red Book) developed for Multilateral Development Banks, would supervision experience gained under the FIDIC MDB Harmonized Edition (May 2005) be considered compliant with this requirement?

Answer 6

Yes. Since the FIDIC MDB Harmonized Edition (June 2006) and FIDIC MDB Harmonised Edition (May 2010) are revised versions of the FIDIC MDB Harmonised Edition (May 2005), experience gained under FIDIC MDB Harmonized Edition (May 2005) will be considered equivalent to experience under the FIDIC MDB Harmonized Edition (May 2010) for the purposes of this procurement.

Question 7

With reference to the Shortlisting Criteria 2.2 Experience of Consultant in similar locations:

•For evaluation purposes, 'similar locations' will be considered Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania.

Please confirm our understanding that assignments submitted under criterion 2.2 are evaluated solely for the Consultant's experience in the listed countries and are not required to satisfy the road-sector, FIDIC, contract-value, completion-status or participation-share requirements specified under criterion 2.1.

Please also confirm that each sub-criterion under *Section 2, Company Experience*, is evaluated independently.

Answer 7

Please refer to Answer 1.

It is further confirmed that the EOI under each sub-criterion in the *Section 2, Company Experience*, will be evaluated individually.

Question 8

With reference to the Shortlisting Criteria 2. Company experience: 2.1 Experience of Consultant in similar assignments:

"The evidence of successful completion will be considered when provided a Taking-Over Certificate or equivalent document acceptable to the Employer."

Please clarify whether the documentary evidence demonstrating the substantial completion of the Consultant's referenced experience must be submitted at the Expression of Interest (EOI) stage.

If so, kindly confirm whether these documents may be submitted as separate annexes, , and that any supporting documents included as annexes would not be counted within the 50-page limit of the main EOI document.

Answer 8

Yes. The need to submit at the Expression of Interest (EOI) stage *evidence of successful completion* directly flows from the text of the REOI cited in the question at hand.

Consultants shall note that any of the following document will be considered sufficient as evidence:

- Employer / Client Reference Certificate
- Final Acceptance / Services Completion Certificate
- Letter of Completion of Services / Contract Close-Out Letter
- Final Payment Certificate / Final Account Statement
- Interim/Final Reports formally approved by Employer
- Contract + evidence of completion milestone
- Performance / Evaluation Letter
- Any other equivalent document.

It is confirmed these documents may be submitted as separate annexes, and that any supporting documents included as annexes would not be counted within the 50-page limit.

Question 9

Please clarify whether the Project Coordinator (CV required at the EoI stage as part of the Table 1A. Company's profile Form) is the same as the Project Director/Engineer indicated under the Terms of Reference – page 15 (under Chapter 4 Consultant's Qualification, Team Composition, Staffing Input & Qualification Requirements)

Please also provide the applicable CV template for the Project Coordinator or confirm that the Consultant may use its own standard CV format.

Answer 9

Yes. It is confirmed that the Project Coordinator (whose CV is required at the EoI stage) is the same as the Project Director/Engineer indicated under the Terms of Reference.

Consultant are free to provide CVs in any format.

Question 10

The Terms of Reference appear to provide both that the Client will nominate the Designer as a subconsultant to the Supervision Consultant and that the Consultant will be required to retain the Designer's Representative.

a. Please clarify whether the Designer's Representative will be contracted directly by the Consultant or by the Beneficiary and only administratively coordinated by the Consultant. b. Whether the Consultant will have the right to review, object to or request the replacement of the nominated Designer or Designer's Representative on reasonable professional grounds.

Answer 10

It is a matter related to the next stage in the procurement process.

Designer shall be retained as a subconsultant to the Supervision Consultant.

Designer's involvement is a statutory requirement, both for the Employer and the Designer and the latter's role and obligations flow from the law, rather than the Employer's nomination.

Therefore, the Designer's Representative, as the legal entity, could not be replaced by the Consultant. However, Consultant could express dissatisfaction with the personnel deployed by the design organization for the role at hand.