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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-Ukrainian Border, km 0+000 – km 1+000 (BCP Leușeni)**

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Question 1

According to Clause 3.1 of Section III of the Tender Documents, prospective Bidders are required to submit the completed Form FIN - 3.1 together with the relevant supporting documents.

At the same time, Clause 3 of Form FIN - 3.1 provides that the financial statements must have been independently audited or certified in accordance with the requirements of the applicable local legislation.

However, under the legislation of our country, an independent audit of financial statements is not mandatory for our company and may be carried out at the company's discretion.

As of today, our company can provide its financial statements for the previous five financial years (2021 - 2025), which have been duly submitted to and accepted by the State Tax Service. However, these financial statements have not been subject to an independent audit or certification.

In view of the above, we kindly ask you to clarify whether it is permitted to submit a Bid without providing financial statements that have been independently audited or certified.

If the submission of audited or certified financial statements is a mandatory requirement, please clarify whether the absence of such financial statements would constitute grounds for considering our Bid non-compliant with the requirements of the Tender Documents and subsequently rejecting it.

We would also appreciate your clarification as to whether the financial statements for 2021-2025, duly submitted to and accepted by the State Tax Service, may be considered sufficient to demonstrate Bidder's compliance with the applicable financial qualification requirements.

Answer 1

As per the provision of the Bidding Documents, Section III – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, 3. Qualification, 3.1 (iii) “The audited balance sheets **or, if not required by the laws of the Bidder's country, other financial statements acceptable to the Employer,** for the last 5 years (2021-2025) shall be submitted and must demonstrate the current soundness of the Bidder's financial position and indicate its prospective long-term profitability” (**emphasis added**).

Question 2

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 2

It is confirmed that the price shall not be subject to price adjustment during the performance of the Contract.

Question 3

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 3

The Bidder is requested to provide his price offer taking into consideration the period of 12 months, according to the BoQ.

Question 4

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 4

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 5

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 5

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 Bidder is requested to present price offer according to the mentioned details.

Question 6

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 6

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 7

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

90106.1	Geogrid Geogrila (Rp=50/50kN/m)	(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 **Geosyntetic 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 ($\square 2\%$)
Cell Wall Heights	100 mm
Cell Dimension (Expanded)	260 x 224 mm ($\pm 3\%$)
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 7

The Bidder is requested to follow the requirements specified in the Technical Drawings and to use the Geogrid Rp=50/50 kN/m.

Question 8

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

90103	Geocomposite Geocompozit Tip3	Type3	m²	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 i=1 (90grad) Load 20kPa i=1 (90grad) Load 50kPa	[EN ISO 12958]	l/(m ² s)	5.00 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 8

The Bidder is requested to follow the requirements specified in the Technical Drawings and to use the Geogrid Rp=50/50 kN/m.

Question 9

Regarding Bill No. 600, INCIDENTAL CONSTRUCTION:

Please specify whether the "New Jersey" type barrier can also be cast in-situ (monolithic). If so, please provide the execution details clearly outlining the quantities and types of materials used, including concrete, reinforcement schedules, formwork, etc.

Additionally, please clarify how and by whom the testing for the barrier will be conducted if it is cast in-situ.

Answer 9

The bidder may also provide for a cast-in-situ concrete barrier, provided to comply with the standards specified in the Technical Drawings, and the Technical Specifications (Chapter 602).

Additionally, please note that all the works and materials are subject to verification by the Engineer and Employer.

Question 10

Please specify whether the works will be executed under traffic conditions or if alternative detour routes will be established.

Answer 10

The works will be executed under traffic conditions. So, the Bidders are requested to take into consideration the mentioned aspects.

Question 11

We kindly request that you specify the contract value.

Answer 11

The estimated cost for this assignment, as per the published Procurement Plan, is: USD 3,311,000.00

However, bidders should not rely on the disclosed cost estimate as a benchmark for pricing their bids. Instead, they should develop their financial proposals based on their own assessment of the costs of performing the contract. Bidders shall make their own assessments, take into account relevant market dynamics, appropriate estimate cost of intended materials, equipment, labor and other elements necessary for performance of the works, and compile all factors in the context of the approach the bidders intend to follow in their method of executing the respective works.

Question 12

Regarding Bill No. 300, PAVEMENT / Lista Nr. 300, STRUCTURĂ RUTIERĂ:

30101	Cold recycling of the asphalt concrete pavement. Mixing in of new aggregates, minimal 50%, and stabilization with cement, C3/4. Compaction. H-140mm/ Reciclarea la rece a betonului asfaltic din îmbrăcămintă. Adăugarea în amestec a noilor agregate minim 50%, și stabilizarea cu ciment, C3/4. Compactarea. h-140mm	m ²
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Please clarify if ballast is accepted as an alternative for the new aggregate mix.

Answer 12

The Bidder is requested to use the materials according to the Technical Drawings and Technical Specification (Chapter 301).

Question 13

We respectfully request that the bid closing date be extended by one (1) calendar month.

Answer 13

At present, there are no grounds or premises to justify an extension of the submission deadline. Maintaining the current procurement schedule is strictly required to ensure the timely implementation of the project.

Consequently, the deadline for the submission of bids remains unchanged, as initially announced, on November 02, 2026.