

## Candidate List Prequalification Notice: Civil Engineering Expert for the "Technical Assistance for the Preparation and Implementation of the Moldova Hospital Sector Upgrade" Project

1. The Government of the Republic of Moldova has embarked on a comprehensive program to modernize the public healthcare system in the country. As part of this initiative, the Government has proposed the construction of two regional hospitals in Balti and Cahul municipalities, to be financed by the Council of Europe Development Bank and the European Investment Bank.

The purpose of this announcement is to seek qualified consultants for the position of Civil Engineering Expert to support the Ministry of Health (MoH) in the implementation of this Project. The process for selecting the candidate will adhere to the guidelines outlined in the Guide to Procurement (GtP) for projects funded by the European Investment Bank, as of September 2018. Successful offerors will be chosen through the "Negotiated procedures with the list of candidates established directly by the promoter," as described in paragraph 4.2.1 of the EIB GtP.

Therefore, this announcement envisages offering the Ministry of Health with a list of qualified candidates, to be vetted by the Ministry's Evaluation Committee and subsequently approved by the EIB to further receive the official Invitation to Bid for this position.

2. Preliminary list of responsibilities of the candidate:

#	Task name	Brief description of the task
1	<b>Engineering Feasibility Review</b>	Review technical engineering feasibility studies for Balti and Cahul and assist the PIU and MoH in the formulation of relevant amendments if necessary.
2	<b>Technical Standards Assistance</b>	Provide technical assistance in establishment of minimum standards for health infrastructure construction tasks as required by the Project Coordinator.
3	<b>BOQ Review</b>	Review the Bill of Quantities (BOQ), including its measurements, quantities, drawings, and descriptions, to ensure they align with construction standards before initiating the Invitation to Bid (ITB). Ensures that necessary supporting documentation is in place prior to issuance of tender.
4	<b>BOQ Cost Evaluation</b>	Review and evaluate the cost estimation of the BOQ that has been assessed.
5	<b>Technical Document Preparation</b>	In coordination with the PIU's Procurement Specialist, support the preparation of the technical part of the required solicitation documents.
6	<b>Bid Assessment</b>	Assess and scrutinize the submitted bids, specifically evaluating the correlation of offered unit rates with the BOQ to determine their realism.
7	<b>Evaluation Panel Support</b>	Support the MoH's Evaluation Panel /Technical Committee in the analysis and appraisal of proposals from companies, offering technical expertise and guidance and addressing any potential technical feedback from the MoH.

8	<b>Construction Oversight</b>	Provide comprehensive oversight and regular on-site monitoring of the construction work at sites in Cahul and Balti, ensuring that the quality and quantity of materials, construction techniques, and work finishing align with the agreed standards and contractual terms.
9	<b>Quality and Progress Monitoring</b>	Ensure that the construction works adhere to national and international quality standards and progress according to the agreed timeline, while also investigating any issues encountered on-site, collaborating with the MoH to propose solutions, and implementing the agreed-upon actions.
10	<b>Contractor Report Review</b>	Review the reports submitted by the Contractor, offer feedback on these reports, and provide recommendations to PIU and MoH regarding the processing of payments.
11	<b>Project Progress Reporting</b>	Prepare regular technical reports and updates on project progress for the PIU.
12	<b>Technical Support</b>	Provide technical support to MoH and local stakeholders on issues related to construction works in close coordination with the Project Coordinator.
13	<b>Documentation of Lessons</b>	Document lessons learned and provide feedback for any improvements needed.
14	<b>Contract Management</b>	Ensure efficient management and systematic archiving of contracts related to construction activities
15	<b>Final Handover Sign-off</b>	Signs off on the final handover documentation upon completion of all construction works in coordination with the Project's Technical Committee.

To accomplish these objectives, the MoH intends to appoint a consultant who not only fulfills the following specific requirements but also proposes the most economically favorable financial terms. Only proposals scoring 70 or higher and meeting all the required qualifications will be declared as 'technically compliant'

<b>Main qualifications</b>	<b>Max score</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced degree (equivalent to master's degree) in architecture/civil engineering and five (5) years of relevant experience in overseeing and controlling social infrastructure construction projects.</li> <li>A first-level university degree (equivalent to a bachelor's degree) and seven (7) years of relevant experience in overseeing and controlling social infrastructure construction projects. <i>(10 points for the minimum required experience + 2 points for each additional year up to 10 years maximum). Qualifications will be assessed based on education level and years of relevant experience, with preference given to candidates holding advanced degrees + more extensive experience.</i></li> </ul>	<b>20</b>
<p>Candidates must have successfully completed at least one project similar in scope and /or sector to the one expected in this role.</p> <p><i>Qualifications will be assessed based on demonstrated experience and references</i></p>	<b>20</b>

<p>At least 3 years of professional experience in DFI-driven projects of similar scale and complexity, preferably in healthcare or related area, in the Republic of Moldova or in the region.</p> <p><i>Qualifications will be assessed based on demonstrated experience</i></p>	<b>20</b>
<b>Desired qualifications</b>	<b>Max score</b>
<p><b>Proficiency in National and International Building Regulations:</b> This includes familiarity with local construction standards, safety norms, and environmental guidelines, as well as an understanding of widely recognized international building codes.</p> <p><i>Qualifications will be assessed through a combination of technical interviews, review of certifications, and analysis of candidates' past project compliance</i></p>	<b>7</b>
<p><b>Procurement Process Proficiency:</b> Candidates are required to have a thorough understanding of both national and international procurement processes in the field of civil engineering. This includes in-depth knowledge of tendering procedures, contract negotiations, supplier management, and compliance with legal and ethical standards in procurement at both the domestic and international levels.</p> <p><i>Qualifications will be assessed based on demonstrated experience in relevant projects/assignments</i></p>	<b>7</b>
<p><b>English Language Proficiency Requirement:</b> Candidates must demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English, both written and spoken, including understanding technical documentation, engaging in clear verbal communication, and preparing comprehensive written reports and correspondences.</p> <p><i>Qualifications will be assessed based on demonstrated experience in relevant projects/assignments</i></p>	<b>7</b>
<p><b>Strong analytical skills with the ability to gather and interpret data for decision-making and reporting purposes:</b> the Consultant should be able to analyze Project progress and provide analytical progress reports to relevant stakeholders, along with action plans for any planned activities.</p> <p><i>Qualifications will be assessed based on demonstrated experience showcasing these skills in relevant projects/assignments</i></p>	<b>7</b>
<p><b>Engineering Design Software:</b> Familiarity with engineering design and analysis software such as AutoCAD, Revit, or similar, for reviewing and creating engineering plans.</p> <p><i>Qualifications will be assessed based on demonstrated experience showcasing these skills in relevant projects/assignments</i></p>	<b>6</b>
<p><b>Effective Communication:</b> The consultant must possess strong written and verbal communication skills to effectively liaise with various stakeholders, including but not limited to government officials, suppliers, and PIU members.</p>	<b>3</b>

<i>Qualifications will be assessed based on demonstrated communication experience in relevant projects/assignments</i>	
<b>Knowledge of Public Health or relevant field:</b> Having a background or knowledge in public health or a related field will be advantageous. <i>Qualifications will be assessed based on demonstrated participation in relevant projects/assignments</i>	<b>3</b>

3. The expected duration of engagement for the Civil Engineering Expert spans from the first quarter of 2024 to the fourth quarter of 2028. Given the substantial scope and extent of the anticipated responsibilities, it is recommended that the Civil Engineering Expert's contract should encompass a minimum of 500 working days.

*It is important to note that this engagement does not contemplate a time-based contract but, instead, adopts a fee-based compensation structure.*

4. Required documents for submission include:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the candidate, preferably in Europass format.
- Letter of Intent: A comprehensive document outlining the candidate's qualifications and relevant experience for the specified position.

In the subject line of your email, please use the following format:

*Surname\_ Civil Engineering Expert: AA-011313*

We kindly invite all interested consultants to submit the requisite documents no later than **February 9th, 2024**, to the following email address: [foreign.assistance@ms.gov.md](mailto:foreign.assistance@ms.gov.md)

All emails and inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Alexandru Rosca, Project Officer of the Moldova Hospital Sector Upgrade Project, at the provided email address.

We appreciate your interest in this opportunity and look forward to receiving your submissions.