



Invitation to Submit an Offer for International consultant for capacity building of LPAs from Cahul and Ungheni focal regions in the field of growth poles and decentralized territorial cooperation under Vacancy no. Ou23/02698

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Sincerely,

UNDP Moldova





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1 Overview

1.1 General Information

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Beneficiary Country	MDA
Introduction	

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UNDP
Moldova

1.2 Tender Timeline

Preview Date
Open Date 24/03/23 08:32 AM
Close Date 07/04/23 14:30 PM
Time Zone Coordinated Universal Time

1.3 Response Rules

This negotiation is governed by all the rules displayed below.

	Rule
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Suppliers are allowed to revise their submitted response

1.4 Terms

Negotiation Currency USD



2 Requirements

**Response is required*

Please review carefully the requirements and questions in this section. Provide answers as required and upload supporting documents when requested so.

2.1 Section 1. Overview of the assignment

1. Background

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is currently implementing **EU4Moldova: Focal regions Programme** that requires the services of an International consultant for capacity building of LPAs from Cahul and Ungheni focal regions in the field of growth poles and decentralized territorial cooperation as described in this document.

2. Scope of Work, Responsibilities and Description of Work

For detailed information on the Scope of Work, responsibilities and description of work, please refer to hereby attached Terms of Reference.

2.2 Section 2. Documents to be included with the proposal

*1. Offeror's letter to UNDP confirming interest and availability for the individual contractor (IC) assignment, including Financial Proposal (USD) in Annex 2

Upload the signed version of the filled in Offeror's letter to UNDP confirming interest and availability for the individual contractor (IC) assignment. Annex 2 to the Offeror's letter, incorporating the Financial Proposal, shall be filled in mandatorily and includes the detailed breakdown of costs supporting the all inclusive financial proposal.

The Financial Proposal shall be additionally submitted directly in the system. Please ensure there are no mathematical errors and that amounts from Offeror's Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability match with your offer in the system.

*2. Proposal, including Motivation Letter

Upload a Proposal/Motivation Letter explaining why you are the most suitable for the work including previous experience in similar Projects. Please provide brief information on each of the above qualifications, item by item, including information, links to previous similar projects/engagements.

*3. CV and other documents

Provide your personal CV including education/qualifications, professional certifications, and employment records/experience in similar projects, including at least 3 references.



***4. Proof of professional experience in the field of local public administration or local economic development**

Upload minimum 3 contracts implemented at national and international level as proof of professional experience in the field of local public administration or local economic development.

***5. Proof of professional experience in facilitating, coaching, mentoring, delivering training courses**

Upload minimum 3 events/training courses facilitated as proof of professional experience in facilitating, coaching, mentoring, delivering training courses.

2.3 Section 3. Evaluation - Minimum Qualification Stage

1. Screening against Minimum Qualification Requirements

Initially, individual consultants will be short-listed based on the following minimum qualification criteria:

- Master's Degree (or equivalent) in Public Administration, Sociology, Economics, Management and Business administration or other related fields;
- At least 7 years of practical experience in the field of local public administration or local economic development;
- At least 5 years of international experience in the field of local public administration or local economic development.

The screening shall be a desk review of application packages. Therefore, applicants are advised to highlight their compliance to notice requirements through including relevant information in the supporting documentation (CV, motivation letter, etc.)

***2. Compliance to Minimum Qualification Requirements**

Please indicate whether you meet the below requirements:

- Master's Degree (or equivalent) in Public Administration, Sociology, Economics, Management and Business administration or other related fields;
- At least 7 years of practical experience in the field of local public administration or local economic development;
- At least 5 years of international experience in the field of local public administration or local economic development.

2.4 Section 4. Evaluation - Technical and Interview Stage

1. Cumulative analysis

The short-listed individual consultants will be evaluated based on the following methodology: Cumulative analysis.



The award of the contract shall be made to the individual consultant whose offer has been evaluated and determined as:

- a) responsive/ compliant/ acceptable, and
- b) having received the highest score out of a pre-determined set of weighted technical and financial criteria specific to the solicitation.

* Technical Criteria weight – 60% (300 pts);

* Financial Criteria weight – 40% (200 pts).

Only candidates obtaining a minimum of 210 points would be considered for the Financial Evaluation.

*2. Evaluation criteria - Technical Stage

In case Applicants would like to share information or documents to aid the evaluation, they can do so through uploading attachments or inserting comments to this point.

Criteria	Scoring	Maximum Points Obtainable
<u>Technical</u>		
Master's Degree (or equivalent) in Public Administration, Sociology, Economics, Management and Business administration or other related fields	<i>Master's – 5 pts; PhD – 10 pts</i>	10
Professional practical experience in the field of local public administration or local economic development (minimum 7 years)	<i>Up to 7 years – 0 points, 7 years – 5 points, each additional year – 5 points up to max. 25 pts</i>	25
Demonstrated international experience in the field of local public administration or local economic development (minimum 5 years)	<i>Up to 5 years – 0 points, 5 years – 5 points, each additional year – 5 points up to max. 25 pts</i>	25
Professional experience in facilitating, coaching, mentoring, delivering training courses (minimum 3 events/training courses)	<i>Up to 3 events/training courses - 0 points, three events/training courses – 5 points, each additional event/training</i>	25



facilitated)	<i>course – 5 pts. Up to max. 25 pts</i>	
Professional experience in Central and Eastern Europe on similar assignments is desirable	<i>Each assignment - 5 pts, up to max 15 pts</i>	15
Experience in working with UN agencies is an asset	<i>Each assignment - 5 pts, up to max 15 pts</i>	15
Maximum Technical Scoring		115

Response attachments are optional.

***3. Evaluation criteria - Interview Stage**

In case Applicants would like to share information or documents to aid the evaluation, they can do so through uploading attachments or inserting comments to this point.

Criteria	Scoring	Maximum Points Obtainable
<p>Interview(demonstrated technical knowledge and experience; communication/ interpersonal skills; initiative; creativity/ resourcefulness)</p> <p>Only the first 5 applicants that have accumulated the highest technical score shall be invited to the interview.</p>		
Proven competencies in elaboration of local development and regional development studies, public policies documents; designing strategies / programmes / specific regulatory framework	<i>Limited competencies – 5 pts, fair competences – 15 pts., good competences – 30 pts, very good – 40 pts</i>	40

Strong understanding and knowledge of territorial cooperation of urban-rural communities and growth poles concept	<i>Limited up to – 5 pts, fair – 25 pts., good – 45 pts, very good – 65 pts</i>	65
Solid understanding of and ability to apply communication and collaboration tools and techniques (MS Office 365, ZOOM, Google tools etc.), including the ability to analyses and use research data outside from the evaluated context	<i>Limited understanding and ability - up to 5 pts., satisfactory – 15 pts.; extensive – 20 pts</i>	20
Resourcefulness and creativity	<i>No – 0 pts., to some extent – 10 pts., extensive experience / good skills - 15 pts</i>	15
Strong communication and interpersonal skills	<i>No – 0 pts., to some extent – 10 pts., extensive experience / good skills - 15 pts</i>	15
Command of English language	<i>Working knowledge/ intermediate – 15 pts, advanced – 20 pts</i>	20
Additional languages: knowledge of Romanian and/or Russian	<i>5 pts per language, max. total 10 pts</i>	10
Maximum Interview Scoring		185

Response attachments are optional.

2.5 Section 5. Evaluation - Financial Stage

1. Financial Evaluation

Evaluation of submitted financial offers will be done based on the following formula:



$$S = F_{min} / F * 200$$

S – score received on financial evaluation;

F_{min} – the lowest financial offer out of all the submitted offers qualified over the technical evaluation round;

F – financial offer under consideration

2.6 Section 6. Offer Form

*1. Offeror's Declaration

I hereby declare that:

-- I have read, understood and hereby accept the Terms of Reference describing the duties and responsibilities of this assignment;

-- I have also read, understood and hereby accept UNDP's General Conditions of Contract for the Services of the Individual Contractors;

-- I hereby propose my services and I confirm my interest in performing the assignment through the submission of my CV which I have duly signed and attached hereto;

-- In compliance with the requirements of the Terms of Reference, I hereby confirm that I am available for the entire duration of the assignment, and I shall perform the services in the manner described in my proposal.

*2. Payment Type and Rates

I hereby confirm to complete the services based on the following payment rate:

A total lump sum payable in the manner described in ToR.

*3. Payment Certification Procedures

I recognize that the payment of the abovementioned amounts due to me shall be based on my delivery of outputs within the timeframe specified in the TOR, which shall be subject to UNDP's review, acceptance and payment certification procedures.

*4. Offer Validity

Please confirm your offer remains valid for a total of 90 days after the submission deadline.

*5. Contract Type

Select the contract type that you will sign if selected, from the two options below:

1. Sign an Individual Contract with UNDP;
 2. Request my employer to sign with UNDP a Reimbursable Loan Agreement (RLA) for and on my behalf.
- Provide contact persons and details of employer in the comments box or as an attachment.



***6. Other Engagements**

Please indicate whether you have any other engagements at the time of submission. Provide details using the hereby attached Offeror's Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability template.

***7. Acceptance and Cost for the Proposal**

I fully understand and recognize that UNDP is not bound to accept this proposal, and I also understand and accept that I shall bear all costs associated with its preparation and submission and that UNDP will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the selection process.

***8. Expectations to Re-instate**

I also fully understand that, if I am engaged as an Individual Contractor, I have no expectations nor entitlements whatsoever to be re-instated or re-employed as a staff member.

***9. Former UN Staff Member**

If you are a former staff member of the United Nations recently separated, please confirm hereby that you have complied with the minimum break in service required before you can be eligible for an Individual Contract.

***10. Relatives employed with UN**

Please confirm that you have no first degree relative (mother, father, son, daughter, spouse/partner, brother or sister) currently employed with any UN Agency or office.

If such relationship exist, please disclose the name of the relative, the UN office employing the relative, and the relationship in the hereby attached Offeror's Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability template.

***11. Relatives employed by UN or other Organizations**

Are any of your relatives employed by UNDP, or any other UN organization or any other public international organization?

If such relationship exist, please disclose the name of the relative, the UN office employing the relative, and the relationship in the hereby attached Offeror's Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability template.

***12. Enquiries with present employer**

Do you have any objections to us making inquiries of your present employer?

***13. References**

List three persons not related to you who are familiar with your character and qualifications in the hereby attached Offeror's Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability template.

***14. Permanent Civil Servant Employee**

Are you now or have you ever been a permanent civil servant in your government's employee? If yes,



indicate when in the comments box.

***15. Criminal Records**

Have you been arrested, indicted, or summoned into court as a defendant in a criminal proceeding, or convicted, fined or imprisoned for the violation of any law (excluding minor traffic violations)? If yes, give full particulars of each case in an attached statement.

***16. Statement of Health**

The selected contractor will be required to provide proof of insurance coverage as stated in the Statement of Health herewith attached prior to contract signature.

Target: I will be able to provide proof of medical insurance coverage if selected

***17. Conflict of Interest**

Consistent with the overall principle of fairness and impartiality in the conduct of UNDP Procurement, individual contractors who have been involved in the preparation or formulation of a project or any project implementation activity that leads to subsequent services, including but not limited to the writing of Terms of References for services leading to the engagement of Individual Contractor, should be disqualified from the selection process for IC services arising from such work, in order to prevent situations of conflict of interest. In the same manner, an individual contractor must neither be involved in the evaluation or assessment of a project or a project activity, if the same individual was involved in any aspects of its formulation or implementation.

Please disclose if you have been involved in any of the manners described above.

***18. Certification of Statement**

I certify that the statements made by me in answer to the foregoing questions are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any misrepresentation or material omission made on a Personal History form or other document requested by the Organization may result in the termination of the service contract or special services agreement without notice.

Note: You will be requested to supply documentary evidence which support the statements you have made above. Do not, however, send any documentary evidence until you have been asked to do so and, in any event, do not submit the original texts of references or testimonials unless they have been obtained for the sole use of UNDP.



3 Lines

Instructions Please add the price for each deliverable listed below and upload breakdown of financial proposal using template provided. Please ensure there are no mathematical errors and that amounts from Offeror's Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability match with your offer in the system.

3.1 Line Information

Line	Category Name	Item	UOM	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Additional Attributes
1-Deliverable 1: Inception Report 3	80111620						
2-Deliverable 2: Progress Report 1	80111620						
3-Deliverable 3: Progress Report 2	80111620						
4-Deliverable 4: Progress Report 3	80111620						
5-Deliverable 5: Progress Report 4	80111620						
6-Deliverable 6: Final Report	80111620						