



Invitation to Submit an Offer for National Consultant/ Evidence-based policy making and socio-economic expert o, under Vacancy Announcement Qu24/02906

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We look forward to your favourable response and thank you in advance for your interest in working with UNDP.

Sincerely,

UNDP Moldova





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1 Overview

1.1 General Information

Title	Qu24/02906: Evidence-based policy making and socio-economic expert
Contact Point	Procurement Unit
Outcome	
E-Mail	sc.md@undp.org
Reference Number	Qu24/02906
Beneficiary Country	MDA
Introduction	

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1.2 Tender Timeline

Preview Date
Open Date 09/03/24 20:31 PM
Close Date 25/03/24 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*

*Pease review carefully the requirements and questions in this section.
Provide answers where required (marked with *asterisk symbol) and upload supporting documents when requested so (marked with *asterisk symbol).
Please note that there are several Sections to be filled in, under the "Requirements" step on the right side the page:*

2.1 Section 1. Overview of the assignment

1. Background

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) requires the services of an individual to perform the work described in this document.

2. Scope of Work, Responsibilities and Description of Work

For detailed information on the Scope of Work, responsibilites 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. CV and other documents**

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

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:

- University degree (or higher) in Economics, Business Administration, Finance, or other relevant fields.
- At least 5 (five) years of progressive experience (at the national and/or international level) in the field of economic policy development and enhancement.
- At least 3 (three) years of experience in providing advisory and capacity building support in the area of macroeconomic analysis and forecast, using domain-specific tools and approaches.
- Citizen of the Republic of Moldova.

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. Minimum Qualification Requirements**

Do you meet the Minimum Qualification requirements listed in the TOR?

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.

Evaluation criteria - Technical Stage

Criteria	Scoring	Points Obtainable
<u>Technical</u>		
University degree (or higher) in Economics, Business Administration, Finance, or other relevant fields	<i>Bachelor's degree – 5 pts. Master's degree – 10 pts.</i>	10
At least 5 (five) years of progressive experience (at the national and/or international level) in the field of economic policy development and enhancement.	<i>5 years – 15 pts., each additional year of experience – 5 pts. up to a maximum of 40 pts.</i>	40
At least 3 (three) years of experience in providing advisory and capacity building support in the area of macroeconomic analysis and forecast, using domain-specific tools and approaches.	<i>3 years – 15 pts., each additional year of experience – 5 pts. up to a maximum of 30 pts.</i>	30
At least 3 (three) years of experience in the collection, assessment and processing of statistical data for socio-economic policy analysis.	<i>3 years – 15 pts., each additional year of experience – 5 pts. up to a maximum of 30 pts.</i>	30
Proven record in coordinating assignments with policy impact assessment components will be considered a strong advantage.	<i>more than 4 years – 20 pts; up to 4 years – 10 pts; no experience – 0 pts.</i>	20
Proven record in contributing to the conceptualization of macroeconomic analysis models will be considered a strong advantage.	<i>more than 4 years - 20 pts; up to 4 years – 10 pts; no experience – 0 pts.</i>	20
Previous experience within an UNDP Project and/or other international organization(s) will be considered an advantage	<i>Each assignment – 2 pts. up to a maximum of 10 pts.</i>	10

Subtotal Technical Scoring	160
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2. Interview

Criteria	Scoring	Points Obtainable
<u>Interview</u> <i>(The first three candidates who passed technical evaluation criteria with the best score shall be invited for an online interview and pass the cumulative analysis)</i>		
<u>Interview</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated knowledge of the current socio-economic context, economic policy development and enhancement <i>(none – 0 pts, limited ≤ 5 pts, good ≤ 25 pts, strong ≤ 35 pts)</i> • Perceived ability to perform and deliver expected results in a fast-paced working environment <i>(none – 0 pts, limited ≤ 10 pts, good ≤ 25 pts, strong ≤ 35 pts)</i> • Strong sense of initiative and ability to work independently <i>(none – 0 pts, limited ≤ 10 pts, good ≤ 20 pts, strong ≤ 30 pts)</i> • Demonstrated interpersonal skills, as well as the ability to communicate effectively <i>(none – 0 pts, limited ≤ 5 pts, good ≤ 20 pts, strong ≤ 30 pts)</i> 	130
Belonging to the group(s) under-represented in the UN Moldova and/or the area of assignment*	No – 0 pts, Yes – 5pts.	5
Proficiency in Romanian (mandatory) and English (optional)	2.5 pts each (5 pts total)	5



Subtotal Interview Scoring	140
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2.5 Section 5. Evaluation - Financial Stage

1. Financial Evaluation

Financial

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.

200

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. 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.

***14. 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.

***15. 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

***16. 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.

***17. 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.

2.7 Section I-1.



3 Lines

Instructions

Please add the price for each deliverable listed below, in accordance with Terms of Reference. Upload breakdown of financial proposal (in USD) using template provided (Annex 2). Make sure that the total in the breakdown matches with total of deliverables in the system.

3.1 Line Information

Line	Category Name	Item	UOM	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Additional Attributes
1-Deliverable 1.1: Micro-simulation model for evidence-based policy making purposes and policies' distributive impact analysis (developed and/or adapted).	80111620						
2-Deliverable 1.2: Capacity building provided to the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and to the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization on the usage of micro-simulations for policy analysis purposes. Guidelines on impleme	80111620						



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3-Deliverable 2.1: Research paper guiding programmatic interventions in the area of mitigating food security inequalities in Moldova, including from the perspective of the national multi-dimensional poverty analysis.	80111620						
4-Deliverable 2.2: Research paper guiding governmental policies and programs in the area of mitigating energy vulnerability inequalities in Moldova, including from the perspective of the national multi-dimensional poverty analysis.	80111620						



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5-Deliverable 3.1: Research paper assessing the impact of the governmental policies and programs in the area of energy vulnerability reduction (post impact analysis).	80111620						
6-Deliverable 3.2: Research paper on long-term strategic options and opportunities guiding programmatic interventions in the area of energy vulnerability reduction.	80111620						
7-Deliverable 3.3: Report and ex-ante impact assessment of the EU integration on welfare and social protection of governmental policies.	80111620						



Line	Category Name	Item	UOM	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Additional Attributes
8-Deliverable 4.1: Introductory course for the delegated staff of the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization on the use of structural models in policy analysis, with an emphasis on Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) models.	80111620						
9-Deliverable 4.2: First redaction of a CGE static model to be used for applied research and policy analysis objectives, co-developed with the MEDD staff.	80111620						
10-Deliverable 4.3: Second recursive-dynamic redaction of CGE model to be used for applied research and policy analysis objectives, co-developed with the MEDD staff.	80111620						



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11-Deliverable 4.4. Development of regulatory framework for the integration of the CGE model in the core business processes of macroeconomic forecast and policy analysis.	80111620						