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1 Overview

1.1 General Information

Title	Qu26/03214_PFD/National Tax for SDGs Consultant
E-Mail	sc.md@undp.org
Reference Number	PRC0166792/Qu26/03214
Beneficiary Country	MDA
Introduction	

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1.2 Tender Timeline

Open Date 03/03/26 11:50 AM
Close Date 18/03/26 14:30 PM
Time Zone Coordinated Universal Time

1.3 Terms

Negotiation Currency USD (US Dollar)

1.4 Attachments

File Name or URL	Type	Description
Offerors Letter to UNDP	File	
Terms of Reference	File	
Guides for Suppliers	File	
Statement of Health Individual	File	

File Name or URL	Type	Description

Note: The attachments above are part of general attachments to this Tender. There may be more attachments uploaded with requirement or price schedule. All attachments can be accessed from the portal directly

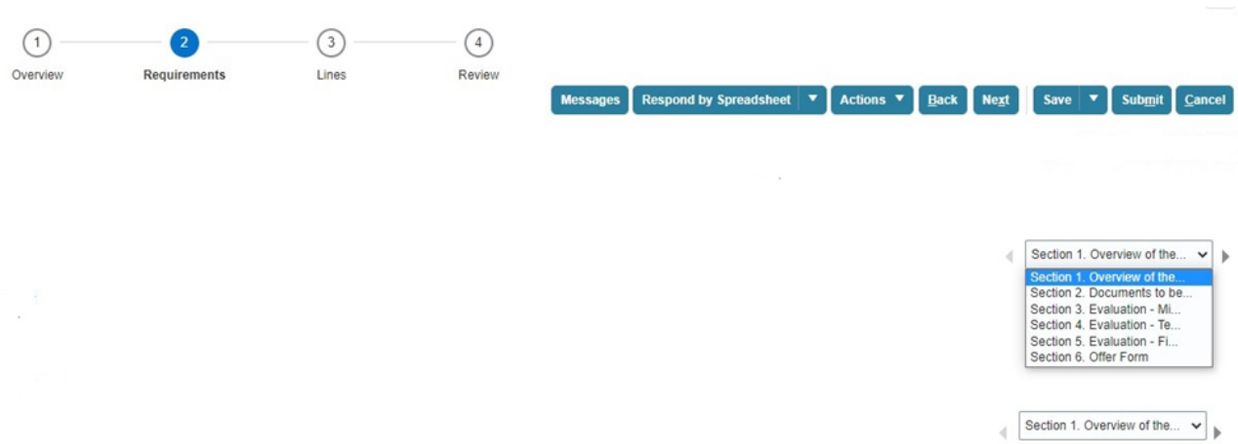
2 PART: TENDER REQUIREMENT AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

**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, 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. **Technical proposal**

Please provide Technical proposal (incl. brief description of experience, approach, and methodology for the completion of the assignment).

*3. **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, the consultants will be **short-listed** based on the following minimum qualification criteria:

- Citizen of Republic of Moldova;
- Master's Degree or higher in economics, finance, public administration, management, development studies or related field;
- At least 7 years of experience in public finance management, fiscal planning, tax policy aligned to EU practices and tools.

*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 contract will be awarded to the individual consultant whose proposal was assessed and defined as:

a) clear/appropriate/acceptable, and
b) which obtained the highest score according to the weighted technical and financial criteria, formulated for this request.
* Specific weight of technical criteria – 60% (300 pts);
* Specific weight of financial criteria – 40% (200 pts).
Only candidates who scored a minimum of **210 pts** are allowed to participate in the financial assessment.

Criteria and Scoring	Maximum Points Obtainable
Technical evaluation	
Master's Degree or higher in economics, finance, public administration, management, development studies or related field *(Master's degree – 20 pts., PhD degree – 25 pts.)*	**25**
At least 7 years of experience in public finance management, fiscal planning, tax policy aligned to EU practices and tools *(7 years – 40 pts, each additional year – 5 pts, up to max. 55 pts.)*	**55**
At least 2 years of progressively responsible experience of working in quantitative modelling within taxation, domestic resource mobilization, or health economics, for a government or an international organization *(2 years – 25 pts, each additional year – 5 pts, up to max. 50 pts.)*	**50**
Strong record in advising and engaging with international institutions and/or governments on tax/fiscal policy, tax administration processes, financing public health or domestic resource mobilization, with involvement in technical work such as public revenue or expenditure projections, economic evaluation and impact assessments (*each year – 10 points; up to max. 50 pts*.)	**50**
Hands-on experience of working in policies regarding tobacco, alcohol and fossil fuel taxation, with good understanding of global best practices in these areas, and about non-communicable disease, public sector financing and the national legislative calendar *(one assignment – 20 points;each additional assignment – 10 pts, up to max. 50 pts.)*	**50**
Previous experience of working with international organizations, including UN Agencies, will be an advantage *(each year – 10 points; up to max. 50 pts.)*	**50**
Fluencyin English and proficiency in Romanian and Russian are required for this assignment *(Romanian - 5 pts, English – 5 pts, Russian – 5 pts)*	**15**

Belonging to the group(s) under-represented in the UN Moldova and/or the area of assignment* *(No – 0 pts., to one group – 2.5 pts., to two or more groups – 5 pts.)* * *Under-represented groups in UN Moldova are persons with disabilities, LGBTI, ethnic and linguistic minorities, especially ethnic Gagauzians, Bulgarians, Roma, Jews, people of African descent, people living with HIV, religious minorities, especially Muslim women, refugees and other non-citizens.* ***Please specify in CV, in case you belong to the group(s) under-represented in the UN Moldova and/or the area of assignment.***	**5**
Maximum Total Technical Scoring	**300**
Financial	
Evaluation of submitted financial offers will be done based on the following formula: **S = Fmin / F * 200** **S** – score received on financial evaluation. **Fmin** – the lowest financial offer out of all the submitted offers qualified over the technical evaluation round. **F** – financial offer under consideration	**200**

2.5 Section 5. Evaluation - Financial Stage

1. **Financial Evaluation**

Financial Scoring:

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

S = Fmin / F * 200

S – score received on financial evaluation;

Fmin – 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. **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.

2.8 Section I-2.

3 PART: Schedule of Requirement and Price Schedule

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 Description	Category	Item	UOM	Requested Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Additional Attributes
1-Draft legal and regulatory framework, including proposed amendments to primary and secondary legislation, reporting templates, and implementation guidance, submitted to the Ministry of Finance to institutionalize mandatory	Temporary human resources services						

Line Description	Category	Item	UOM	Requested Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Additional Attributes
2-Comprehensive Tax Impact Assessment Report evaluating the feasibility and resource implications of aligning tobacco excise duties with EU Directive 2011/64/EU, including fiscal projections, policy options, implementation scen	Temporary human resources services						
3-Delivery of at least one structured training session for Ministry of Finance staff, including training agenda, presentations, simulation tools, practical exercises, and training materials, demonstrating strengthened instituti	Temporary human resources services						

Line Description	Category	Item	UOM	Requested Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Additional Attributes
4- Comprehensive Tax Impact Assessment Report evaluating diesel excise duty alignment with EU minimum levels, including fiscal projections, implementation scenarios, convergence roadmap through 2030, and recommendations to stren	Temporary human resources services						
5- Comprehensive Tax Impact Assessment Report evaluating the feasibility and fiscal implications of the existing 0% corporate profit tax regime for SMEs, including fiscal impact projections, economic analysis, risk assessment, a	Temporary human resources services						

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6-Comprehensive Gender-Responsive Tax Assessment Report evaluating Moldova's tax system against SDG 5 Gender Equality objectives, including analysis findings, policy gaps, and actionable recommendations aligned with EU accessio	Temporary human resources services						

*For Additional Attributes of lines, please review the negotiation lines from supplier portal.