



RfP-22/02450

Selection of a Company for development of Climate Change Information and Knowledge Management Portal of Moldova

**Clarification Questions and Answers
(as of 05 May 2022)**

Q1: Please advise whether it is possible to submit a team of specialists without knowledge of Romanian language (fluent in English and Russian) and comment that it wouldn't be a reason for the disqualification of our proposal.

A1: The language criteria is not a Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria. Therefore, proposing a team of specialists without a Romanian language (fluent in English and Russian) would not serve grounds for disqualification. However, please note that the evaluation of proposed Key personnel shall be done in accordance with the evaluation criteria listed in Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria) of the Request for Proposal no. RFP22/02450 document and any proposed staff with no knowledge of Romanian language shall result in lower scoring awarded for respective language criteria. Should contract be awarded to a company which proposed a team of specialists without knowledge of Romanian language (fluent in English and Russian), the respective company will be responsible for translation arrangements and charges during contract implementation. To highlight, the Evaluation Method for the Award of Contract is Combined Scoring Method, using the 60%-40% distribution for technical and financial proposals respectively. The minimum technical score required to pass is 70%.

Q2: Are International firms eligible to apply or should they be registered locally in Moldova?

A2: Eligibility and Qualification of the Bidders will be evaluated against the Minimum Eligibility/Qualification requirements specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria) of the Request for Proposal no. RFP22/02450 document. Please note that any legally registered entity (irrespective of country of incorporation) can apply to the mentioned competition.

Q3: Is Joint Venture allowed?

A3: Yes. See Section 2. Instruction to Bidders (pct. B. Preparation of Proposals).

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Q4: Is there any preference to form a JV/Partnership with a local firm?

A4: Each Bidder is invited to analyse the requirements to the tendered services listed in the Terms of Reference (Annex 1 to the solicitation document), to consult the Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria and Technical Evaluation Criteria listed in Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria) of the Request for Proposal no. RFP22/02450 document in order to assess the necessity of forming a JV/Partnership with a local firm. The requirements and criteria shall be viewed in conjunction with the technical proposal to be submitted.

Q5: Is there budget allocation or budget ceiling for this assignment?

A5: There is a budget allocation within current RfP, however the available amount is not subject to public disclosure. Bidders should prepare their financial proposals in correspondence with the technical methodology and approach proposed. Please note, that the contract award is made as per solicitation document to the highest rated proposal using the combined scoring method, with a 60% - 40% weight distribution between technical and financial proposals respectively. The minimum technical score required to pass is 70%. For more information, please consult the Request for Proposals Section 2. Instruction to Bidders (pct. D Evaluation of Proposals) and Section 4. Evaluation Criteria.