REQUEST FOR QUOTATION NO. RfQ23/02611

Development of the 2nd Management Plan of the Dniester River Basin District

SECTION 1: REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

UNDP through the Project "Supporting the Moldovan authorities in the sustainable management of the Dniester River" (Dniester 2) kindly requests your quotation for the Request for Quotation no. RfQ-23/02611: Development of the 2nd Management Plan of the Dniester River Basin District as detailed in line items section of this RFQ.

This Request for Quotation comprises the following documents:

Section 1: This RFQ document generated by the online system Section 2: RFQ Instructions and Data Annex 1: Terms of Reference Annex 2: Quotation Submission Form Annex 3: Technical and Financial Offer

When preparing your quotation, please be guided by the RFQ Instructions and Data. Please note that quotations must be submitted directly in the system responding to the questions and uploading required documents by the date and time indicated in the online portal. It is your responsibility to ensure that your quotation is submitted before the deadline. Quotations received after the submission deadline outside the online portal, for whatever reason, will not be considered for evaluation.

Quotations must be submitted directly in Quantum NextGenERP supplier portal following the link: <u>http://supplier.quantum.partneragencies.org</u> using the profile you may have in the portal (please log in using your username and password).

Follow the instructions in the user guide to search for the tender using search filters, namely **Negotiation ID: UNDP-MDA-00083** and subscribe to the tender in order to get notifications in case of amendments of the tender document and requirements.

In case you have never registered before, follow this link to register a profile:

https://estm.fa.em2.oraclecloud.com/fscmUI/faces/PrcPosRegisterSupplier?prcBuId=300000127714 247

Do not create a new profile if you already have one. Use the forgotten password feature in case you do not remember the password or the username from previous registration.

Should you require further clarifications on the application through the Quantum online portal, kindly contact the Procurement Unit at <u>sc.md@undp.org</u>. Please pay attention that quotation shall be submitted online through the Quantum system and any quotation sent to the above email shall be disqualified.

Should you require further clarifications on the Request for Quotation, Terms of Reference or other requirements, kindly communicate using the messaging functionality in the portal.

Deadline for Submission of Offers (Date and Time), which is visible in the online procurement system will be final. System will not accept submission of any bid after that date and time. It is the responsibility of the bidder to make sure that the bid is submitted prior to this deadline for submission.

Bidders are advised to upload bid documents and to submit their offer a day prior or well before the date and time indicated under the deadline for submission of Offers. Do not wait until last minute. If Bidder faces any issue during submitting offers at the last minutes prior to the deadline for submission, UNDP may not be able to assist on such a short notice and will not be held liable in such instance. UNDP will not accept any offer that is not submitted directly through the System.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your quotation.

UNDP Moldova

SECTION 2: GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS



Introduction	Bidders shall adhere to all the requirements of this RFQ, including any amendments made in writing by UNDP. This RFQ is conducted in accordance with the <u>UNDP Programme and Operations Policies</u> <u>and Procedures (POPP) on Contracts and Procurement</u>				
	Any Bid submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the Bid by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this RFQ.				
	UNDP reserves the right to cancel the procurement process at any stage without any liability of any kind for UNDP, upon notice to the bidders or cancellation of the tender in the online portal.				
Deadline for the Submission of Quotation	Deadline is indicated in the online portal. If any doubt exists as to the time zone in which the quotation should be submitted, refer to <u>http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/.</u>				
Method of	Quotations must be submitted as follows:				
Submission	NextGenERP supplier portal following this link: <u>http://supplier.nextgenerp.partneragencies.org/</u> using the profile you may have in the portal.				
	Follow the instructions in the user guide to search for the tender using Negotiation ID.In case you have never registered before, follow this link to register a profile:				
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	Do not create a new profile if you already have one. Use the forgotten password feature in caseyou do not remember the password or the username from previous registration.				
	 File Format: All attachments must be in PDF format unless otherwise instructed by UNDP. 				
	 File names must be in Latin alphabet/keyboard and clearly indicate the content of the document to facilitated review. 				
	All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted.				
Cost of preparation of quotation	UNDP shall not be responsible for any costs associated with a Supplier's preparation and submission of a quotation, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.				
Supplier Code	All prospective suppliers must read the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct and acknowledge				
of Conduct,	that it provides the minimum standards expected of suppliers to the UN. The Code of Conduct, which				
Fraud, Corruption,	includes principles on labour, human rights, environment and ethical conduct may be found at: <u>https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/about-us/un-supplier-code-conduct</u>				
	Moreover, UNDP strictly enforces a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, including fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical or unprofessional practices, and obstruction of UNDP vendors and requires all bidders/vendors to observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and contract implementation. UNDP's Anti-Fraud Policy can be found at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/accountability/audit/office_of_audit_and_investigation.html#anti				

Gifts and Hospitality	Bidders/vendors shall not offer gifts or hospitality of any kind to UNDP staff members including recreational trips to sporting or cultural events, theme parks or offers of holidays, transportation, or invitations to extravagant lunches, dinners or similar. In pursuance of this policy, UNDP: (a) Shall reject a bid if it determines that the selected bidder has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question; (b) Shall declare a vendor ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period, to be awarded a contract if at any time it determines that the vendor has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing a UNDP contract.
Conflict of Interest	UNDP requires every prospective Supplier to avoid and prevent conflicts of interest, by disclosing to UNDP if you, or any of your affiliates or personnel, were involved in the preparation of the requirements, design, specifications, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFQ. Bidders shall strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own interests, and act without consideration for future work. Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified.
	Bidders must disclose in their Bid their knowledge of the following: a) If the owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, of the bidding entity or key personnel who are family members of UNDP staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving goods and/or services under this RFQ.
	The eligibility of Bidders that are wholly or partly owned by the Government shall be subject to UNDP's further evaluation and review of various factors such as being registered, operated and managed as an independent business entity, the extent of Government ownership/share, receipt of subsidies, mandate and access to information in relation to this RFQ, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual rejection of the Bid.
Currency of	Prices shall be quoted in US Dollars (USD).
Quotation	In case of contract award to a local company, payments will be made in Moldovan Leu based on UN
	Operational Rate of Exchange on the day of payment:
	https://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.php UNDP shall not be kept liable for any fluctuations of the exchange market during contract
	implementation, the Contractor being legally responsible to register any loss/gain of currency
	exchange resulting from payments against the Contract in accordance with the national legislation.
Joint Venture,	If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium
Consortium or	or Association for the Bid, they shall confirm in their Bid that : (i) they have designated one party to
Association	act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the JV, Consortium or
	Association jointly and severally, which shall be evidenced by a duly notarized Agreement among the
	legal entities, and submitted with the Bid; and (ii) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall
	be entered into, by and between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture, Consortium or Association. Refer to Clauses 19 – 24 under <u>Solicitation policy</u> for details on the applicable provisions on Joint Ventures, Consortium or Association.
Only one Bid	The Bidder (including the Lead Entity on behalf of the individual members of any Joint Venture, Consortium or Association) shall submit only one Bid, either in its own name or, if a joint venture, Consortium or Association, as the lead entity of such Joint Venture, Consortium or Association. Bids submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following:
	 a) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or b) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or b) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFQ; or
	c) they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about, or influence on the Bid of, another Bidder regarding
	this RFQ process; d) they are subcontractors to each other's Bid, or a subcontractor to one Bid also submits another Bid under its name as lead Bidder; or
	e) some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one Bidder participates in more than one Bid received for this RFQ process. This condition relating to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Bid.
Price	No price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market
variation	factors shall be accepted at any time during the validity of the quotation after the quotation has been received.

Alternative	No alternative quote is permitted.		
Quotes			
Contact	Must be submitted directly in the portal using the messaging functionality.		
Person for			
corresponden	Any delay in UNDP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for		
ce,	submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new		
notifications	deadline to the Proposers.		
and			
clarifications			
Right not to	UNDP is not bound to accept any quotation, nor award a contract or Purchase Order		
accept any			
quotation			
Right to vary	At the time of award of Contract or Purchase Order, UNDP reserves the right to vary (increase or		
requirement	decrease) the quantity of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty-five per cent (25%) of		
at time of	the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.		
award			
Publication of	UNDP will publish the contract awards valued at USD 100,000 and more on the websites of the CO		
Contract	and the corporate UNDP Web site.		
Award			
Policies and	This RFQ is conducted in accordance with UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures		
procedures			
UNGM	Any Contract resulting from this RFQ exercise will be subject to the supplier being registered at the		
registration	appropriate level on the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) website at <u>www.ungm.org</u> . The		
	Bidder may still submit a quotation even if not registered with the UNGM, however, if the Bidder is		
	selected for Contract award, the Bidder must register on the UNGM prior to contract		
	signature.		



SECTION 2: SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

General	Any Purchase Order or contract that will be issued as a result of this RFQ shall be subject to one of		
Conditions of	the General Conditions of Contract below as applicable in each case specified in the Requirements		
Contract	section		
	Applicable GTC:		
	General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions for Contract.		
	Applicable Terms and Conditions and other provisions are available at UNDP/How-we-buy		
Special	☑ Cancellation of PO/Contract if the delivery/completion is delayed by 30 days		
Conditions of	☑ Liquidates damages shall be imposed as follows:		
Contract	Percentage of contract price per day of delay: 0.33% up to a maximum of 30 days, after which UNDP		
	may terminate the contract.		
Duties and	Article II, Section 7, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities provides, inter alia, that the		
taxes	United Nations, including UNDP as a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly of the United Nations,		
	is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for public utility services, and is exempt from customs		
	restrictions, duties, and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its		
	official use. All quotations shall be submitted net of any direct taxes and any other taxes and duties,		
	unless otherwise specified in the requirements section.		
	All prices must:		
	☑ be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes		
Eligibility	A vendor who will be engaged by UNDP may not be suspended, debarred, or otherwise identified as		
	ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization.		
	Vendors are therefore required to disclose to UNDP whether they are subject to any sanction or		
	temporary suspension imposed by these organizations. Failure to do so may result in termination of		
	any contract or PO subsequently issued to the vendor by UNDP.		
	It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that its ultimate beneficial owners, employees, joint venture		
	members, sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees meet the eligibility		
	requirements as established by UNDP.		
	Bidders must have the legal capacity to enter a binding contract with UNDP and to deliver in the		
	country, or through an authorized representative.		
Language of	English, Romanian or Russian		
quotation	Including supporting documentation as applicable.		
Quatation	Quatations shall remain valid for 00 days from the deadline for the Submission of Quatation		
Quotation validity period	Quotations shall remain valid for 90 days from the deadline for the Submission of Quotation.		
Partial Quotes	⊠ Not permitted		
Alternative	⊠ Not permitted		
Quotes			
Payment	☑ 100% within 30 days after receipt of goods, works and/or services and submission of payment		
Terms	documentation. Instalments in line with deliverables table stipulated in the Annex 1 – Terms of		
	Reference.		
Conditions for	☑ Written Acceptance of Goods, Services and Works, based on full compliance with RFQ		
Release of	requirements		
Payment			
Clarifications	Bidders must send their inquiries and requests for clarifications using the messaging functionality in		
Clarifications			
	the portal.		
	PLEASE PAY ATTENTION: QUOTES SHALL NOT BE SUBMITTED TO ANY EMAIL ADDRESS BUT ONLY		
	THROUGH THE PORTAL.		
	Requests for clarification from bidders will not be accepted any later than 3 (three) days before the		
	submission deadline. Responses to request for clarification will be communicated directly in the		
	portal.		

Documents to be submitted	 Annex 2: Quotation Submission Form duly completed and signed Annex 3: Technical and Financial Offer duly completed and signed and in accordance with the Terms of References in Annex 1, detailing the experience of the company, proposed methodology, approach, and implementation timeline to complete the assignment, and key personnel proposed; Company Profile, including detailed portfolio/previous corporate experience in similar fields related to the assignment; Registration documents; List and value of relevant projects performed for the last 5 (five) years including the following information: Name of previous contracts Client & Reference Contact Details including e-mail Contract Value Period of activity Types of activities undertaken Copies of provided relevant projects/contract might be requested. Chart for provision of services (Implementation Plan), for example GANTT Statement of satisfactory Performance (Certificates) from the top 3 (three) clients in terms of Contract value in similar field Completed and signed CVs for the proposed Key Personnel Financial Statements (Income Statements and Balance Sheets) for the past 2 (two) years (2021,
	2020)
Evaluation method	☑ The Contract or Purchase Order will be awarded to the lowest price substantially compliant offer
Evaluation	☑ Full compliance with all requirements as specified in Annex 1
criteria	I full acceptance of the General Conditions of Contract
	Be a legally registered entity or a consortium of firms/organizations
	Minimum 5 (five) years of experience in environmental and/or socio-economical consultancy
	Demonstrated experience in developing policy documents
	☑ Demonstrated experience in developing at least one (1) similar plan
	☑ Qualified staff, with the minimum required academic and professional qualifications, proven by CVs submitted and as follows:
	 <u>Position 1 -</u> Team leader * (1 expert): *Position of Team leader/can be combined with one or several position(s) of environmental, climate or socio-economical experts, if has the minimum qualifications required. master's degree in a relevant area, such as environment, natural resources management, economic, social, or other related fields. has at least 5 (five) years of experience in environmental and/or socio-economical consultancy. acted as a team leader/project manager for at least 1 similar plan.
	Team members (11 experts):
	 <u>Position 2 – Specialist in hydrology, monitoring, surface water assessment (1 expert):</u> has a degree in environmental management, environmental governance, or other related fields.
	 Has at least 4 (four) years of experience in hydrology, monitoring, surface water assessment consultancy. has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
	 Position 3 – Specialist in water quality, monitoring, surface water assessment (physical, chemical and hydrobiological parameters) (1 expert): has a degree in environmental management, environmental governance, or other related
	 fields. has at least 4 (four) years of experience in water quality, monitoring, surface water assessment (physical, chemical and hydrobiological parameters) consultancy.
	- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
	Position 4 - Specialist in hydrogeology (1 expert):

	 has a degree in hydrogeology, environment protection or other related fields.
	 has at least 4 (four) years of experience in hydrogeology consultancy.
	- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
	 Position 5 - Specialist in water-related terrestrial ecosystems (1 expert):
	 has a degree in water-related terrestrial ecosystems, environment protection or other related
	fields.
	- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in water-related terrestrial ecosystems consultancy.
	 has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
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	Position 6 - Specialist in water-related aquatic ecosystems (1 expert):
	- have a degree in water-related aquatic ecosystems, environment protection or other related
	fields.
	- have at least 4 (four) years of experience in water-related terrestrial ecosystems consultancy.
	- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
	 Position 7 - Specialist in economy and sociology with knowledge of the water sector (1 expert):
	 has degree in socio-economic science or in another related field.
	- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in socio-economical consultancy.
	- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
	• Position 8 - GIS specialist for map production with knowledge of the water sector (1 expert):
	 has a master's degree in GIS or other related fields.
	 has at least 4 (four) years of experience in GIS consultancy.
	- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
	 Position 9- International consultant in water or other related fields (1 expert):
	- has a master's degree in water or other related fields.
	- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in water consultancy.
	- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
	 Position 10 - Legal consultant in law or other related fields (1 expert):
	 has a master's degree in law or other related fields.
	 has at least 4 (four) years of experience in the promotion of normative acts and the elaboration
	of RIA.
	 has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
	Position 11 - Specialist in economics (1 expert):
	- has a master's degree in economy or other related fields.
	- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in water consultancy.
	- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
	 Position 12 - Specialist in public finance (1 expert):
	- has a master's degree in public finance or other related fields.
	- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in water consultancy.
	- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
Type of	☑ <u>Contract Face Sheet</u> (Goods and-or Services)
Contract to be	
awarded	
Expected date	30 March 2023
for contract	
award	

ANNEX 1: - TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. BACKGROUND

Sustainable management of water resources in accordance with the principle of integrated water management is a priority for Moldova. For further development of the water policy and improvement of the regulatory framework, the Ministry of Environment (MoE), with the support of its subordinated institutions, is responsible for ensuring an ongoing dialogue with the neighboring countries on the integrated management of transboundary water resources, with the goal to ensure the quality and quantity of water needed for both sustainable socio-economic development of the country and a healthy environment.

In the process of improvement of the national regulatory framework, and harmonization of the environmental legislation with the provisions of European Union (EU) directives, the national environmental protection system faces many constraints, particularly, related to outdated standards, normative acts, capacity of responsible institutions, shortage of qualified staff in the government sectoral institutes, etc.

The importance of integrated management of the Dniester River is indisputable for the Republic of Moldova. It is the largest river in the Republic of Moldova, covering 70% of the country's water consumption needs, thus being considered a strategic surface water resource for both environmental and socio-economic security of the country.

For the joint Moldovan-Ukrainian management of the Dniester River, a topic of major importance for Moldova is the impact of the operation of the Dniester Hydropower Complex (HPC) on the Moldova's territory. In the framework of Project "Study of social and environmental impact assessment of the Dniester Hydropower Complex" funded by Swedish Embassy and implemented by UNDP in 2018-2021, there was clearly shown its negative impact on the environment downstream.

According to Water Law no. 272/ 2011, the river basin district management plans (RBDMP) are being developed for a 6-year cycle. It shall be mentioned that the Ukrainian side is also concerned with the development of the Dniester River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) for the years 2025-2030. In that sense, important methodological aspects were harmonized between countries' experts and institutions, and a Joint Strategic Action Program had been elaborated with assistance of the GEF funded project. The Strategic Action Program (SAP) is one of the key strategic documents of the Commission on Sustainable Use and Protection of the Dniester River Basin. It is based on the findings of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) for the Dniester River Basin. Both documents have been developed according to the methodology agreed by the two countries and have been extensively consulted. The documents contribute to the Dniester River basin management planning at the national level, as well as support implementation of international commitments to develop joint plans for the transboundary basins. On March 31, 2021, there was signed a Joint Statement on the approval of the Strategic Action Program for the Dniester River Basin for 2021 between the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment of the Republic of Moldova and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine.

Along with attempts to solve the cross-border aspect of the Dniester River management on the platform of the Dniester Commission, currently, the environmental institutions are in an extensive process of functional analysis aimed at streamlining the structure, functions, and capacities in the field of integrated management of water resources.

The strategy of the project "Support to the Moldovan authorities for the sustainable management of the Dniester River" is to improve environmental and social conditions in the Dniester River Basin District through enhanced management of water resources on the basis of updated regulatory framework, comprehensive and reliable river

basin management planning, improved water management institutional capacities and implementation of practical environmental activities that would improve the ecological status of the Dniester River, identified as part of the Dniester Impact Study (2021).

The Overall Objective of the project is to increase the capacity of the Moldovan Government to sustainably manage the Dniester River basin at the national and transboundary levels, including:

- To ensure that Moldova has a sufficient regulatory framework for sustainable river management based on the basin-wide approach supported by the WFD provisions,
- To provide the Moldova Government
- with a comprehensive and realistic Management Plan for the Dniester River Basin developed in compliance with the WFD,
- To provide continuous support for the enhancement of capacities of national authorities responsible for water management, as well as the Moldovan representatives under joint Moldovan and Ukrainian bodies tasked with cross-border management of the Dniester River
- To improve the social, economic, and environmental conditions of the Dniester River.

The project duration is from August 2022 through August 2026.

2. OBJECTIVES AND APPROACH OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The main objective of the assignment consists in the development and endorsement of the 2nd Dniester River Basin District Management Plan (RBDMP).

The Plan shall be developed in conformity with the structure and content outlined in WFD, Regulation regarding the procedure for the development and revision of the Management Plan of the hydrographic basin district, approved by Water Law no. 272/2011, Governmental Decision (GD) no. 866/2013, GD no. 386/2020, GD no. 814/2017, GD no. 775/2013, GD no. 779/2013, and based on findings of:

- The UNDP project Dniester Hydro Power Complex Social and Environmental Impact Study project (pressures and impacts on hydrology, hydro-morphology, water quality, hydrobiology, including fish, socio-economic study, etc.)
- Transnational Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) performed under the Moldo-Ukrainian GEF project "Enabling transboundary cooperation and integrated water resources management in the Dniester River Basin" followed by further analysis of pressures and impacts on surface water bodies from various sources of pollution and assessment of the associated risks in the Moldovan part of Dniester River, as well as other documents elaborated under this project screening identification of the chemical status of surface water bodies of the Dniester river basin, scenarios for Future Water Demand and Climate Change, simulated in the Dniester River Basin, etc.
- The assessment report on the implementation of the 1st Dniester RBDMP.
- other available data and information provided by the Project.

The process of development of the 2nd Dniester RBDMP shall, as minimum, include the following activities and subactivities:

• undertaking the characterization of the Dniester RBD, including:

o re-delineation of water bodies, when deemed necessary;

o assessment of the current status of waters and the identification of water bodies currently "at risk of not meeting environmental objectives";

• identifying and summarizing significant pressures and impacts of human activities;

- identifying, mapping and characterization of protected areas as well as risks facing protected areas: drinking
 water protected areas, water related habitats, bathing waters and vulnerable areas to nitrates and nutrient
 sensitive areas;
- reviewing, revising, and mapping of monitoring network addressing both hydrological monitoring and chemical (hazardous substances), physicochemical monitoring, hydro-morphological and biological monitoring".

Including the following minimum sub-activities:

- establishing and prioritization of environmental objectives;
- economic analysis of water usage;
- o economic analysis of ecological services, where appropriate;
- o climate change mainstreaming;
- development of a program of measures based on the characterization process, and on the pressures identified as well as on feedback received during its discussion under the public consultation process,
- support with the consultation process of the draft Plan.

The Plan shall be developed in coordination with relevant NGOs/ individual experts from the left riverbank region, namely, while characterizing the river basin, identifying pressures, mapping and characterizing protected areas, elaborating on priority joint measures on the Dniester River, as well as the broad public consultation process of the draft Plan and adjustment on the basis of collected feedback.

3. TASKS TO BE PERFORMED UNDER THE ASSIGNMENT

To reach the proposed objectives, the tasks of the assignment will be organized as follows:

- 1. Review of selected regulatory framework relevant to the development of the 2nd Dniester RBDMP that will include the following tasks:
 - 1.1 Review the GD no. 775/ 2013 on the Boundaries of hydrographic basin districts and sub-basins and special maps considering alternatives for a justified reduction of several sub-basins by means of merging them in larger ones and develop an amendment addressing the required changes to the GD.
 - 1.2 Review of GD no. 881/2013 on the Methodology of identification, delineation, and classification of water bodies considering clarifications and improvements needed for the methodology implementation and develop an amendment addressing the required changes to the GD.

2. Development of the 2nd Dniester RBDMP that include the following tasks, but are not limited to:

- Analyse the evaluation Report on implementation of the 1st Dniester River Basin District Management Plan for 2017-2022 as per evaluation criteria specified in GD no. 386/2020.
- o Collect the information necessary for the elaboration for the 2nd Dniester RBDMP.
- Develop the first draft of the 2nd Dniester RBDMP, in accordance with Government Decision no. 866/2013 for the approval of the Regulation on the procedure for the development and revision of the Management Plan of the hydrographic basin district.
- Ensure public consultations of the draft of the 2nd Dniester RBDMP, according to the provisions of GD no. 866/2013.
- Finalize the 2nd Dniester RBDMP according to the proposals and suggestions accumulated as a result of the public consultations.

3. Legal assistance for the development of the 2nd Dniester RBDMP

 Develop the draft GD on approval of the 2nd Dniester RBDMP, according to the provisions of Law no. 100/2017 regarding normative acts.

- Provide support in carrying out endorsement, public consultation, and required expertise for the GD on approval of the 2nd Dniester RBDMP and the related package necessary for the submission to the Government.
- Finalize the draft GD on approval of the 2nd Dniester RBDMP based on opinions, public consultation, and expertise.
- Provide support/consultancy required during the endorsement by the Government of the draft GD on approval of the 2nd Dniester RBDMP (i.e. development of the informative note, preparation of the synthesis of objections and proposals, concordance table, etc.).

4. Development of the Roadmap for planning of financing of measures identified during elaboration of Program of Measures within development of the next cycle Dniester RBDMPs

- Conduct consultations with representatives of the Ministry of Finance (MoF), Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development (MoIRD), Local Public Authorities (LPAs), National Environmental Fund, international donors and other stakeholders, as well as carry out a desk study of relevant national legislation and financial planning documents being approved by the Government with the aim to determine the approach for prioritization and timing of central and local annual budgeting, as well as annual and medium term investment planning, availability of international funding and national funds to support financing/ co-financing the implementation of measures included in the 2nd RBDMP.
- Prepare and promote suggestions towards timely (in advance) planning of implementation of priority measures identified during the development of the RBDMP at both central and local levels.
- Develop and promote a roadmap addressing in advance planning of financial resources required for the implementation of measures included in the Program of Measures of the 2nd Dniester RBDMP to ensure implementation of identified priority measures.
- Set up so called "ad hoc measures financing group" with the purpose to ensure financing of implementation of identified priority measures.

4. Expected Deliverables and timeframe

The expected deliverables and schedules are provided in the table below as following:

Deliverables	Tentative timeframe
Deliverable 1. Report on the examination of GD no. 775/2013 regarding the boundaries of the districts of watersheds and subbasins and the special maps where they are determined and GD 881/2013 regarding the Methodology for the identification, delimitation, and classification of water bodies regarding the approach to their possible revision, as per tasks 1.1 and 1.2 and draft amendments to the GD no. 775/2013 and GD 881/2013, as the case.	March – mid-April 2023
Deliverable 2. The first draft of the 2 nd Dniester RBDMP, as per tasks 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3.	By end of May 2023
Deliverable 3. Report on the organization of public consultations on the draft Plan, according to the procedure established by GD no. 866/2013, as per task 2.4, and final version of the 2nd Dniester RBDMP, as per task 2.5.	By mid of November 2023
Deliverable 4. Roadmap for planning the financial resources required for the implementation of measures identified during the development of the Program of Measures of the 2nd Dniester RBDMPs and report on the development and promotion of the roadmap with the interested parties, according to tasks 4.1 - 4.4.	By October 2023
Deliverable 5. Draft Government Decision regarding the approval of the 2 nd Dniester RBDMP and the related package necessary for submission to the Government, as per tasks 3.1 and 3.2	By end of November 2023

Deliverable 6. Report on the support provided within the approval and expertise		
procedure of the draft government decision regarding the approval of the 2 nd	By December 2023	
Dniester RBDMP, according to tasks 3.3 and 3.4.		

*The deliverables should be submitted in Romanian and English languages.

5. Institutional Arrangement

The contractor shall ensure timely delivery of deliverables. The contractor company will report to the Dniester 2 Project Manager and Team Leader and will work in close collaboration with the project staff, as well as with national partners and end-beneficiaries of the final output under this assignment.

6. Duration of the Work

Tentative duration of the assignment will be 10 months (March 2023 – December 2023).

7. Qualifications of the Successful Contractor

The minimum qualifications required for the bidder are set up as following:

- a. At least 5 (five) years of experience in environmental and/or socio-economical consultancy.
- b. Demonstrated experience in developing policy documents.
- c. Demonstrated experience in developing at least one (1) similar plan.
- d. Qualified staff (demonstrated by CVs) who meet the minimum requirements (as per point 8 below).

8. Staff Qualification of the Successful Contractor

The offeror's proposed team must include the following minimum staff with the following minimum qualification criteria:

- <u>Position 1 -</u> Team leader * (1 expert):
- master's degree in a relevant area, such as environment, natural resources management, economic, social, or other related fields.
- has at least 5 (five) years of experience in environmental and/or socio-economical consultancy.
- acted as a team leader/project manager for at least 1 similar plan.

* Position of Team leader/can be combined with one or several position(s) of environmental, climate or socioeconomical experts, if has the minimum qualifications required.

Team members (at least 11 experts):

- Position 2 Specialist in hydrology, monitoring, surface water assessment (1 expert):
- has a degree in environmental management, environmental governance, or other related fields.
- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in hydrology, monitoring, surface water assessment consultancy.
- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
- <u>Position 3 Specialist in water quality, monitoring, surface water assessment (physical, chemical and hydrobiological parameters) (1 expert):</u>
- has a degree in environmental management, environmental governance, or other related fields.
- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in water quality, monitoring, surface water assessment (physical, chemical and hydrobiological parameters) consultancy.
- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.

- Position 4 Specialist in hydrogeology (1 expert):
- has a degree in hydrogeology, environment protection or other related fields.
- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in hydrogeology consultancy.
- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
- Position 5 Specialist in water-related terrestrial ecosystems (1 expert):
- has a degree in water-related terrestrial ecosystems, environment protection or other related fields.
- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in water-related terrestrial ecosystems consultancy.
- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
- Position 6 Specialist in water-related aquatic ecosystems (1 expert):
- have a degree in water-related aquatic ecosystems, environment protection or other related fields.
- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in water-related terrestrial ecosystems consultancy.
- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
- Position 7 Specialist in economy and sociology with knowledge of the water sector (1 expert):
- has degree in socio-economic science or in another related field.
- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in socio-economical consultancy.
- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
- Position 8 GIS specialist for map production with knowledge of the water sector (1 expert):
- has a master's degree in GIS or other related fields.
- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in GIS consultancy.
- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
- Position 9- International consultant in water or other related fields (1 expert):
- has a master's degree in water or other related fields.
- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in water consultancy.
- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
- Position 10 Legal consultant in law or other related fields (1 expert):
- has a master's degree in law or other related fields.
- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in the promotion of normative acts and the elaboration of RIA.
- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
- Position 11 Specialist in economics (1 expert):
- has a master's degree in economy or other related fields.
- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in water consultancy.
- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.
- <u>Position 12 Specialist in public finance (1 expert):</u>
- has a master's degree in public finance or other related fields.
- has at least 4 (four) years of experience in water consultancy.
- has participated in at least 1 (one) similar plan or other policy document.

ANNEX 2: QUOTATION SUBMISSION FORM

Bidders are requested to complete this form, including the Company Profile and Bidder's Declaration, sign it and return it as part of their quotation along with Annex 3: Technical and Financial Offer. The Bidder shall fill in this form in accordance with the instructions indicated. No alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.

Name of Bidder:	Click or tap here to enter text.		
RFQ reference:	RfQ23/02611: Development of the 2nd Management Plan of the Dniester River Basin District	Date: Click or tap to enter a date.	

Company Profile

Item Description	Detail	
Legal name of bidder or Lead entity for JVs	Click or tap here to enter text.	
Legal Address, City, Country	Click or tap here to enter text.	
Website	Click or tap here to enter text.	
Year of Registration	Click or tap here to enter text.	
Legal structure	Choose an item.	
Are you a UNGM registered vendor?	□ Yes □ No If yes, insert UNGM Vendor Number	
Quality Assurance Certification (e.g. ISO 9000 or Equivalent) (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	□ Yes □ No	
Does your Company hold any accreditation such as ISO 14001 or ISO 14064 or equivalent related to the environment? (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	□ Yes □ No	
Does your Company have a written Statement of its Environmental Policy? (<i>If yes,</i> <i>provide a Copy</i>)	□ Yes □ No	
Does your organization demonstrate significant commitment to sustainability through some other means, for	□ Yes □ No	

example internal company p documents on women empowerment, renewable energies or membership of institutions promoting such issues (<i>If yes, provide a Copy</i>	trade				
Is your company a member the UN Global Compact	of 🛛 Yes 🗆 No				
Bank Information		Bank Name: Click or tap here to enter text. Bank Address: Click or tap here to enter text.			
	IBAN: Click or	IBAN: Click or tap here to enter text.			
	SWIFT/BIC: CI	SWIFT/BIC: Click or tap here to enter text.			
	Account Curre	Account Currency: Click or tap here to enter text.			
	Bank Account	Bank Account Number: Click or tap here to enter text.			
	Previous relevant experience: 3 contracts of similar complexity implemented (copies of provided contracts as previous experience may be requested)				
Name of previous	Client & Reference	Contract	Period of activity	Types of activities	
contracts	Contact Details including e-mail	Value		undertaken	

Bidder's Declaration

Yes	No	
		Requirements and Terms and Conditions: I/We have read and fully understand the RFQ, including the RFQ Information and Data, Schedule of Requirements, the General Conditions of Contract, and any Special Conditions of Contract. I/we confirm that the Bidder agrees to be bound by them.
		I/We confirm that the Bidder has the necessary capacity, capability, and necessary licenses to fully meet or exceed the Requirements and will be available to deliver throughout the relevant Contract period.
		Ethics : In submitting this Quote I/we warrant that the bidder: has not entered into any improper, illegal, collusive or anti-competitive arrangements with any Competitor; has not directly or indirectly approached any representative of the Buyer (other than the Point of Contact) to lobby or solicit information in relation to the RFQ ;has not attempted to influence, or provide any form of personal inducement, reward or benefit to any representative of the Buyer.
		I/We confirm to undertake not to engage in proscribed practices, , or any other unethical practice, with the UN or any other party, and to conduct business in a manner that averts any financial, operational, reputational or other undue risk to the UN and we have read the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct : <u>https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/about-us/un-supplier-code-conduct</u> and acknowledge that it provides the minimum standards expected of suppliers to the UN.
		Conflict of interest: I/We warrant that the bidder has no actual, potential, or perceived Conflict of Interest in submitting this Quote or entering a Contract to deliver the Requirements. Where a

Yes	No	
		Conflict of Interest arises during the RFQ process the bidder will report it immediately to the
		Procuring Organisation's Point of Contact.
		Prohibitions, Sanctions: I/We hereby declare that our firm, its affiliates or subsidiaries or employees, including any JV/Consortium members or subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract is not under procurement prohibition by the United Nations, including but not limited to prohibitions derived from the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists and have not been suspended, debarred, sanctioned or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization.
		Bankruptcy : I/We have not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against them that could impair their operations in the foreseeable future.
		Offer Validity Period: I/We confirm that this Quote, including the price, remains open for acceptance for the Offer Validity.
		I/We understand and recognize that you are not bound to accept any Quotation you receive, and we certify that the goods offered in our Quotation are new and unused.
		By signing this declaration, the signatory below represents, warrants and agrees that he/she has been authorised by the Organization/s to make this declaration on its/their behalf.

Signature: _____

Name:Click or tap here to enter text.Title:Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

ANNEX 3: TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL OFFER – SERVICES

Bidders are requested to complete this form, sign it and return it as part of their bid along with Annex 2: Quotation Submission Form. The Bidder shall fill in this form in accordance with the instructions indicated. No alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.

Name of Bidder:	Click or tap here to enter text.		
RFQ reference:	RfQ23/02611: Development of the 2nd Management Plan of the Dniester River Basin District	Date: Click or tap to enter a date.	

Technical Offer

Provide the following:

- a brief description of qualification, capacity and expertise that is relevant to the Terms of Reference;
- a brief methodology, approach and implementation plan;
- list of proposed Key Personnel, their CVs and accreditation certificates;
- documents necessary to prove compliance with the qualifications for the Bidder and other documents listed at Section 2 "Documents to be Submitted".

Financial Offer

Provide a lump sum for the provision of the services stated in the Terms of Reference for your technical offer. The lump sum should include all costs of preparing and delivering the Services. All daily rates shall be based on an eight-hour working day.

Currency of the Quotation: US Dollars (USD)

In case of contract award to a local company, payments will be made in Moldovan Leu based on UN Operational Rate of Exchange on the day of payment:

https://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.php

UNDP shall not be kept liable for any fluctuations of the exchange market during contract implementation, the Contractor being legally responsible to register any loss/gain of currency exchange resulting from payments against the Contract in accordance with the national legislation.

Ref	Description of Deliverables	Price, USD
1.	Deliverable 1. Report on the examination of GD no. 775/2013 regarding the boundaries of the districts of watersheds and subbasins and the special maps where they are determined and GD 881/2013 regarding the Methodology for the identification, delimitation, and classification of water bodies regarding the approach to their possible revision, as per tasks 1.1 and 1.2 and draft amendments to the GD no. 775/2013 and GD 881/2013, as the case.	
2.	Deliverable 2. The first draft of the 2 nd Dniester RBDMP, as per tasks 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3.	
3.	Deliverable 3. Report on the organization of public consultations on the draft Plan, according to the procedure established by GD no. 866/2013, as per task 2.4, and final version of the 2nd Dniester RBDMP, as per task 2.5.	
4.	Deliverable 4. Roadmap for planning the financial resources required for the implementation of measures identified during the development of the Program of	

	Measures of the 2nd Dniester RBDMPs and report on the development and promotion of the roadmap with the interested parties, according to tasks 4.1 - 4.4.	
5.	Deliverable 5. Draft Government Decision regarding the approval of the 2 nd Dniester RBDMP and the related package necessary for submission to the Government, as per tasks 3.1 and 3.2	
6.	Deliverable 6. Report on the support provided within the approval and expertise procedure of the draft government decision regarding the approval of the 2 nd Dniester RBDMP, according to tasks 3.3 and 3.4.	
	Total Price	

Breakdown of Fees

Personnel / other elements	UOM	Qty	Unit Price, USD	Total Price, USD
I. Personnel				
Team leader * (1 expert)	day			
The team of proposed experts (to be included separately by expert – name and role area to be mentioned), as below:				
Position 2 – Specialist in hydrology, monitoring, surface water assessment (1 expert)				
Position 3 – Specialist in water quality, monitoring, surface water assessment (physical, chemical and hydrobiological parameters) (1 expert)				
Position 4 - Specialist in hydrogeology (1 expert)				
Position 5 - Specialist in water-related terrestrial ecosystems (1 expert):				
<i>Position 6 - Specialist in water-related aquatic ecosystems (1 expert):</i>				
Position 7 - Specialist in economy and sociology with knowledge of the water sector (1 expert):				
Position 8 - GIS specialist for map production with knowledge of the water sector (1 expert):				
Position 9- International consultant in water or other related fields (1 expert):				
Position 10 - Legal consultant in law or other related fields (1 expert):				
Position 11 - Specialist in economics (1 expert):				
Position 12 - Specialist in public finance (1 expert):				
OTHERS, if relevant				

II. Other Costs (as applicable)		
International flights		
Subsistence allowance		
Local Transportation		
Communication		
Other Costs: (please specify)		
Total Price		

Compliance with Requirements

	You Responses			
Requirements	Yes, we will comply	No, we cannot comply	If you cannot comply, pls. indicate counter - offer	
Delivery Lead Time – 10 months			Click or tap here to enter text.	
Validity of Quotation – 90 days			Click or tap here to enter text.	
Payment terms			Click or tap here to enter text.	
Full acceptance of the General Conditions of Contract			Click or tap here to enter text.	

I, the undersigned, certify that I am duly authorized to sign this quotation and bind the company below in event that the quotation is accepted.			
Exact name and address of company	Authorized Signature:		
Company NameClick or tap here to enter text. Address: Click or tap here to enter text.	Date: Click or tap here to enter text.		
Phone No.: Click or tap here to enter text.	Name: Click or tap here to enter text.		
Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.	Functional Title of Authorised Signatory: Click or tap here to enter text.		
	Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.		