



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

**Company to develop of a Feasibility Study and Concept Design Package for
the Ecological Rehabilitation of the Lower Dniester Oxbow**

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SECTION 1: LETTER OF INVITATION

United Nations Development Programme, hereinafter referred to as UNDP, through “**Supporting the Moldovan authorities in the sustainable management of the Dniester River**”/**Dniester 2 Project**, hereby invites a company to submit a proposal for a **Company to develop of a Feasibility Study and Concept Design Package for the Ecological Rehabilitation of the Lower Dniester Oxbow**., in accordance with the General Conditions of Contract and the Terms of Reference as set out in this Request for Proposal (RFP).

To enable you to submit a proposal, please read the following attached documents carefully.

- Section 1:** This Letter of Invitation
- Section 2:** Instruction to Proposers
- Section 3:** Data Sheet
- Section 4:** Evaluation Criteria
- Section 5:** Terms of Reference
- Section 6:** Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms
- Section 7:** Proposal Forms
 - **Form A:** Proposal confirmation
 - **Form B:** Checklist
 - **Form C:** Technical Proposal Submission
 - **Form D:** Proposer Information
 - **Form E:** Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information
 - **Form F:** Eligibility and Qualification
 - **Form G:** Format for Technical Proposal
 - **Form H:** Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel
 - **Form I:** Statement of Exclusivity and Availability
 - **Form J:** Financial Proposal Submission
 - **Form K:** Format for Financial Proposal

If you are interested in submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, please prepare your proposal in accordance with the requirements and procedure as set out in this RFP and submit it by the deadline for submission of proposals set out in Section 3: Data Sheet.

Should you be interested to submit a proposal, please log in to the Quantum NextGenERP supplier portal and subscribe to this tender following the instructions in the system user guide. Please search for the tender using search filters, namely **Negotiation ID: UNDP-MDA- 00781**

. Once subscribed to the tender, you will be able to receive notifications in case of amendments of the tender document and requirements.

Please indicate whether you intend to submit a bid by creating a draft response without submitting directly in the Quantum NextGenERP supplier portal.

Offers must be submitted directly in the Quantum NextGenERP supplier portal following this link: <http://supplier.quantum.partneragencies.org/> using the profile you may have in the portal (please log in using your username and password). In case you have never registered before, follow the [Supplier Portal Registration Link](#).

Please note that the access link to the Supplier registered profile is sent from Oracle within up to 3 days. In case you have not received the access link after 3 days since registration, you should address for support to UNDP at the email address: sc.md@undp.org. In case you encounter errors with registration (e.g. system states Supplier already is registered), you should address for support to UNDP at the email address: sc.md@undp.org.

Computer firewall could block *oracle* or *undp.org* extension and Suppliers might not receive the Oracle notifications. Please turn down any firewalls on your computers to ensure receipt of email notification.

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 sc.md@undp.org. Please pay attention that the proposal shall be submitted online through the Quantum system and any proposal sent to the above email shall be disqualified.

Should you require further clarifications on the Request for Proposal, 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 proposal after that date and time. It is the responsibility of the bidder to make sure that the proposal is submitted prior to this deadline for submission.

Bidders are advised to upload proposal 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.

We look forward to receiving your proposal.

UNDP Moldova

SECTION 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS	
1. Scope	<p>Proposers are invited to submit a proposal for the services specified in Section 5: Terms of Reference, in accordance with this Request for Proposal (RFP). A summary of the scope of the proposal is included in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>Proposers shall adhere to all the requirements of this RFP, including any amendment made in writing by UNDP. This RFP is conducted in accordance with Policies and Procedures of UNDP which can be accessed at UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures/Procurement.</p> <p>As part of the bid, it is desired that the Bidder registers at the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) website (www.ungm.org). The Bidder may still submit a bid 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.</p>
2. Interpretation of the RFP	<p>Any proposal submitted will be regarded as an offer by the proposer and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the proposal by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any proposer as a result of this RFP.</p>
3. Supplier Code of Conduct, Fraud, Corruption, Gifts and Hospitality	<p>All proposers must read the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct and acknowledge that it provides the minimum standards expected of suppliers to the UN. The Code of Conduct, which includes principles on labour, human rights, environment and ethical conduct may be found at: https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/about-us/un-supplier-code-conduct</p> <p>Moreover, suppliers should note that certain provisions of the Code of Conduct will be binding on the supplier in the event that the supplier is awarded a contract, pursuant to the terms and conditions of any such contract.</p> <p>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 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_andinvestigation.html#anti</p> <p>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 or dinners.</p> <p>In pursuance of this policy, UNDP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Shall reject a proposal if it determines that the selected proposer has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question; (b) Further to the UNDP's vendor sanctions policy, 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 in executing a UNDP contract.

<p>4. Eligible proposers</p>	<p>Proposers shall have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract with UNDP.</p> <p>A proposer, and all parties constituting the proposer, may have the nationality of any country with the exception of the nationalities, if any, listed in Section 3: Data Sheet. A proposer shall be deemed to have the nationality of a country if the proposer is a citizen or is constituted, incorporated, or registered and operates in conformity with the provisions of the laws of that country.</p> <p>All proposers found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Proposers may be considered to have a conflict of interest if they are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates that have been engaged by UNDP to provide consulting services for the preparation of the design, specifications, Terms of Reference, cost analysis/estimation and other documents to be used for the procurement of the services required in the present procurement process; were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the services requested under this RFP; or are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of UNDP and/or are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of UNDP.</p> <p>In the event of any uncertainty in the interpretation of a potential conflict of interest, Bidders must disclose to UNDP, and seek UNDP's confirmation on whether or not such a conflict exists.</p> <p>Similarly, the Bidders must disclose in their proposal their knowledge of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If the owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, of the bidding entity or key personnel are family members of UNDP staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving services under this RFP; and b) All other circumstances that could potentially lead to actual or perceived conflict of interest, collusion or unfair competition practices. <p>Failure to disclose such an information may result in the rejection of the proposal or proposals affected by the non-disclosure.</p> <p>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 RFP, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual rejection of the Proposal.</p> <p>Proposers shall not be eligible to submit a proposal if at the time of proposal submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is included in the Ineligibility List, hosted by UNGM, that aggregates information disclosed by Agencies, Funds or Programs of the UN System; • is included in the Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List, including the UN Security Council Resolution 1267/1989 list; • is included in the World Bank Corporate Procurement Listing of Non-Responsible Vendors and World Bank Listing of Ineligible Firms and Individuals.
<p>5. Proprietary information</p>	<p>The RFP documents and any Terms of Reference or information issued or furnished by UNDP are issued solely for the purpose of enabling a proposal to be completed and may not be used for any other purpose. The RFP documents and any additional information provided to proposers shall remain the property of UNDP. All documents which may form part of the proposal will become the property of UNDP, who will not be required to return them to your firm.</p>
<p>6. Publicity</p>	<p>During the RFP process, a proposer is not permitted to create any publicity in connection with the RFP.</p>

SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS	
7. Clarification of solicitation documents	<p>Proposers may request clarifications on any of the RFP documents no later than the date indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing in the manner indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet. Explanations or interpretations provided by personnel other than the named contact person will not be considered binding or official.</p> <p>UNDP will provide the responses to clarifications through the method specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>UNDP shall endeavour to provide responses to clarifications in an expeditious manner, but any delay in such response shall not cause an obligation on the part of UNDP to extend the submission date of the proposals, unless UNDP deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.</p>
8. Amendment of solicitation documents	<p>At any time prior to the deadline for proposal submission, UNDP may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a proposer, modify the RFP in the form of an amendment to the RFP. Amendments will be made available to all prospective proposers.</p> <p>If the amendment is substantial, UNDP may extend the deadline for submission of proposals to give the proposers reasonable time to incorporate the amendment into their proposal.</p>
PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS	
9. Cost of preparation of proposal	The proposer shall bear all costs related to the preparation and/or submission of the proposal, regardless of whether its proposal is selected or not. UNDP shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the procurement process.
10. Language	The proposal, as well as any and all related correspondence exchanged by the proposer and UNDP, shall be written in the language(s) specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.
11. Documents establishing eligibility and qualifications of the proposer	The proposer shall furnish documentary evidence of its status as an eligible and qualified vendor, using the forms provided in Section 7 and providing the documents required in those forms. In order to award a contract to a proposer, its qualifications must be documented to UNDP's satisfaction.
11.a Documents comprising the proposal	<p>The proposal bid shall comprise of the following documents and related forms which details are provided in Section 3: Data Sheet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder; d) Technical Proposal; e) Financial Proposal; f) Proposal Security, if required by DS; g) Any attachments and/or appendices to the Proposal.
12. Technical proposal format and content	<p>The proposer is required to submit a technical proposal using the forms provided in Section 7 and taking into consideration the requirements in the RFP.</p> <p>The technical proposal shall not include any price or financial information. A technical proposal containing material financial information may be declared non-responsive.</p>
13. Financial proposal	<p>The financial proposal shall be prepared using the form provided in Section 7 and taking into consideration the requirements in the RFP. It shall list all major cost components associated with the services, and the detailed breakdown of such costs.</p> <p>Any output and activities described in the technical proposal but not priced in the financial proposal, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items as well as in the final total price.</p> <p>Prices and other financial information must not be disclosed in any other place except in the financial proposal.</p>

14. Currencies	<p>All prices shall be quoted in the currency or currencies indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet. Where proposals are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of comparison of all proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the proposal into the UNDP preferred currency, in accordance with the UN Operational Rate of Exchange. • In the event that UNDP selects a proposal for award that is quoted in a currency different from the preferred currency in Section 3: Data Sheet, UNDP shall reserve the right to award the contract in the currency of UNDP's preference, using the conversion method specified above.
15. Duties and taxes	<p>Article II, Section 7, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities provides, inter alia, that the United Nations, including UNDP as a subsidiary organ, 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 proposals shall be submitted net of any direct taxes and any other taxes and duties, unless otherwise specified in Section 3: Data Sheet</p>
16. Proposal validity period	<p>Proposals shall remain valid for the period specified in Section 3: Data Sheet, commencing on the deadline for submission of proposals. A proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.</p> <p>During the proposal validity period, the proposer shall maintain its original proposal without any change, including the availability of the key personnel, the proposed rates and the total price.</p> <p>In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the proposal validity period, UNDP may request proposers to extend the period of validity of their proposals. The request and the responses shall be made in writing and shall be considered integral to the proposal.</p> <p>If the proposer agrees to extend the validity of its proposal, it shall be done without any change to the original proposal but will be required to extend the validity of the proposal security, if required, for the period of the extension, and in compliance with Article 17 (Proposal security) in all respects.</p> <p>The proposer has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its proposal without forfeiting the proposal security, if required, in which case, the proposal shall not be further evaluated.</p>

<p>17. Proposal security</p>	<p>A proposal security, if required by Section 3: Data Sheet, shall be provided in the amount and form indicated in the Section 3: Data Sheet. The proposal security shall be valid for a minimum of thirty (30) days after the final date of validity of the proposal.</p> <p>The proposal security shall be included along with the proposal. If a proposal security is required by the RFP but is not found in the proposal, the offer shall be rejected.</p> <p>If the proposal security amount, or its validity period, is found to be less than is required by UNDP, UNDP shall reject the proposal.</p> <p>In the event an electronic submission is allowed in Section 3: Data Sheet, proposers shall include a copy of the proposal security in their proposal and the original of the proposal security must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>Unsuccessful proposers' proposal securities will be discharged/returned as promptly as possible but no later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of the period of proposal validity prescribed by UNDP pursuant to Article 16 (Proposal Validity Period).</p> <p>The Proposal security may be forfeited by UNDP, and the proposal rejected, in the event of any, or combination, of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the proposer withdraws its offer during the period of the proposal validity specified in Section 3: Data Sheet, or; • In the event the successful Proposer fails: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to sign the contract after UNDP has issued an award; or ○ to furnish the performance security, insurances, or other documents that UNDP may require as a condition precedent to the effectivity of the contract that may be awarded to the proposer.
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<p>18. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association</p>	<p>If the proposer is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for the proposal, each such legal entity will confirm in their joint proposal that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the JV, Consortium or Association jointly and severally, and this will be evidenced by a duly notarised agreement among the legal entities, which will be submitted along with the proposal; and • if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into by and between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who will be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture. <p>After the deadline for submission of proposal, the lead entity identified to represent the JV, Consortium or Association shall not be altered without the prior written consent of UNDP.</p> <p>If a JV, Consortium or Association's proposal is the proposal selected for award, UNDP will award the contract to the joint venture, in the name of its designated lead entity. The lead entity will sign the contract for and on behalf of all other member entities.</p> <p>The lead entity and the member entities of the JV, Consortium or Association shall abide by the provisions of Article 19 (Only one Proposal) herein in respect of submitting only one proposal.</p> <p>The description of the organization of the JV, Consortium or Association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entities in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the RFP, both in the proposal and the JV, Consortium or Association Agreement. All entities that comprise the JV, Consortium or Association shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by UNDP.</p> <p>A JV, Consortium or Association, in presenting its track record and experience, should clearly differentiate between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those that were undertaken together by the JV, Consortium or Association; and • Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the JV, Consortium or Association. <p>Previous contracts completed by individual experts working privately but who are permanently or were temporarily associated with any of the member firms cannot be claimed as the experience of the JV, Consortium or Association or those of its members, but should only be claimed by the individual experts themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials.</p> <p>JV, Consortium or Associations are encouraged for high value, multi-sectoral requirements when the spectrum of expertise and resources required may not be available within one firm.</p>
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<p>19. Only one proposal</p>	<p>The proposer (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture.</p> <p>Proposals submitted by two (2) or more proposers shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or • any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or • they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFP; or • 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 proposal of another proposer regarding this RFP process. • they are subcontractors to each other's proposal, or a subcontractor to one proposal also submits another proposal under its name as lead proposer; or some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one proposer participates in more than one proposal received for this RFP process. This condition relating to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one proposal.
<p>20. Alternative proposals</p>	<p>Unless otherwise specified in Section 3: Data Sheet, alternative proposals shall not be considered. If submission of alternative proposals is allowed in Section 3: Data Sheet, a proposer may submit an alternative proposal, but only if it also submits a proposal conforming to the RFP requirements. Where the conditions for its acceptance are met, or justifications are clearly established, UNDP reserves the right to award a contract based on an alternative proposal.</p> <p>If multiple/alternative proposals are being submitted, proposer must create an alternate response directly in the system and upload all attachments relevant to the alternate proposal separately together with the alternate response...</p>
<p>21. Pre-proposal conference</p>	<p>When appropriate, a pre-proposal conference will be conducted at the date, time and location and according to any instructions specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the pre-proposal conference is mandatory, a Proposer which does not attend the pre-proposal conference shall become ineligible to submit a proposal under this RFP.</p> <p>If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the pre-proposal conference is not mandatory, non-attendance shall not result in disqualification of an interested proposer.</p> <p>UNDP will not issue any formal answers to questions from proposers regarding the RFP or proposal process during the pre-proposal conference. All questions shall be submitted in accordance with Article 38 (Clarification of Proposals).</p> <p>The pre-proposal conference shall be conducted for the purpose of providing background information only. Without limiting Article 24 (Proposers responsibility) proposers shall not rely upon any information, statement or representation made at the pre-proposal conference unless that information, statement or representation is confirmed by UNDP in writing.</p> <p>Minutes of the pre-proposal conference will be disseminated as specified in Section 3: Data Sheet. No verbal statement made during the conference shall modify the terms and conditions of the RFP, unless specifically incorporated in the minutes of the proposer's conference or issued/posted as an amendment to RFP.</p>

<p>22. Site inspection</p>	<p>When appropriate, a site inspection will be conducted at the date, time and location and according to any instructions specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the site inspection is mandatory, a proposer which does not attend the site inspection shall become ineligible to submit a proposal under this RFP.</p> <p>If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the site inspection is not mandatory, non-attendance, shall not result in disqualification of an interested proposer.</p> <p>Proposers participating in a site inspection shall be responsible for making and obtaining any visa arrangements that may be required for the proposers to participate in a site inspection.</p> <p>Prior to attending a site inspection, proposers shall execute an indemnity and a waiver releasing UNDP in respect of any liability that may arise from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) loss of or damage to any real or personal property; (ii) personal injury, disease or illness to, or death of, any person; (iii) financial loss or expense, arising out of the carrying out of that site inspection; and (iv) transportation by UNDP to the site (if provided) as a result of any accidents or malicious acts by third parties. <p>UNDP will not issue any formal answers to questions from proposers regarding the RFP or solicitation process during a site inspection. All questions shall be submitted in accordance with Article 7 (Clarification of solicitation documents).</p> <p>A site inspection will be conducted for the purpose of providing background information only. Without limiting Article 24 (Proposers Responsibility), proposers shall not rely upon any information, statement or representation made at a site inspection unless that information, statement or representation is confirmed by UNDP in writing.</p>
<p>23. Errors or omissions</p>	<p>Proposers shall immediately notify UNDP in writing of any ambiguities, errors, omissions, discrepancies, inconsistencies or other faults in any part of the RFP, with full details of those ambiguities, errors, omissions, discrepancies, inconsistencies or other faults.</p> <p>Proposers shall not benefit from such ambiguities, errors, omissions, discrepancies, inconsistencies or other faults.</p>

<p>24. Proposers responsibility to inform themselves</p>	<p>Proposers shall be responsible for informing themselves in preparing their proposal. In this regard, proposers shall ensure that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examine and fully inform themselves in relation to all aspects of the RFP, including the Contract and all other documents included or referred to in this RFP; • review the RFP to ensure that they have a complete copy of all documents; • obtain and examine all other information relevant to the project and the scope of the requirements available on reasonable enquiry; • verify all relevant representations, statements and information, including those contained or referred to in the RFP or made orally during any clarification meeting or site inspection or any discussion with UNDP, its employees or agents; • attend any pre-proposal conference if it is mandatory under this RFP; • fully inform and satisfy themselves as to requirements of any relevant authorities and laws that apply, or may in the future apply, to the supply of the services; and • form their own assessment of the nature and extent of the services required as included in Section 5: Terms of Reference and properly account for all requirements in their proposal. <p>Proposers acknowledge that UNDP, its directors, employees and agents make no representations or warranties (express or implied) as to the accuracy, currency or completeness of this RFP or any other information provided to the proposers.</p>
<p>25. No material change(s) in circumstances</p>	<p>The proposer shall inform UNDP of any change(s) of circumstances arising during the RFP process, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a change affecting any declaration, accreditation, license or approval; • major re-organisational changes, company re-structuring, a take-over, buy-out or similar event(s) affecting the operation and/or financing of the proposer or its major sub-contractors; • a change to any information on which UNDP may rely in assessing proposals.
<p>SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS</p>	
<p>26. Instruction for proposal submission</p>	<p>The proposer shall submit a complete proposal in the format and comprising the documents and forms in accordance with requirements in Section 3: Data Sheet. The proposal shall be delivered according to the method specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>The proposal shall be submitted by the proposer or person(s) duly authorized to commit the proposer. The authorization shall be communicated through a document evidencing such authorization issued by the legal representative of the proposing entity, or, if requested, a Power of Attorney, accompanying the proposal.</p> <p>Proposers must be aware that the mere act of submission of a proposal, in and of itself, implies that the proposer fully accepts the UNDP General Conditions of Contract.</p>
<p>26 a. Online submission</p>	<p>1.1 Electronic submission through online portal shall be governed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in DS; • The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be uploaded individually and clearly labelled. • The Financial Proposal file must be uploaded separately only in the commercial section of the RFP in the system. encrypted with a password so that it cannot be opened nor viewed until the password is provided. • Documents which are required to be in original form (e.g. Bid Security, etc.) must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in DS. <p>Detailed instructions on how to submit, modify or cancel a bid in the online portal are provided in the system Bidder User Guide made available in the procurement notice site and in the portal.</p>

27. Deadline for Submission of Proposals and Late Proposals	<p>Complete proposals must be received by UNDP in the manner, and no later than the date and time, specified in Section 3: Data Sheet. If any doubt exists as to the time zone in which the Proposal should be submitted, refer to http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/. It shall be the sole responsibility of the proposers to ensure that their proposal is received by the closing date and time. UNDP shall accept no responsibility for proposals that arrive late due to any technical issues and shall only recognise the actual date and time that the proposal was received by UNDP.</p> <p>UNDP may, at its discretion, extend this deadline for the submission of proposals by amending the solicitation documents in accordance with Article 8 (Amendment of solicitation documents). In this case, all rights and obligations of UNDP and proposers subject to the previous deadline will thereafter be subject to the new deadline as extended.</p>
28. Withdrawal, substitution and modification of proposals	<p>A proposer may withdraw or modify its proposal after it has been submitted at any time prior to the deadline for submission directly in the system following the instructions provided in the user guide.</p> <p>However, after the deadline for proposal submission, the proposals shall remain valid and open for acceptance by UNDP for the entire proposal validity period, as may be extended.</p>
29. Storage of proposals	Proposals received are kept confidential and unopened in the system as part security protocols built in the system until the proposal opening date stated in Section 3: Data Sheet.
30. Proposal opening	There is no mandatory public bid opening for RFPs however UNDP may at its discretion sent a public bid opening report from the system only to suppliers who successfully submitted a proposal. The report will include only the names of the companies but not the financial proposal.
31. Late proposals	<p>Any proposal received by UNDP after the deadline for submission of proposals will be destroyed unless the proposer requests that it be returned and assumes the responsibility and expenses for the re-possession of the returned proposal documents.</p> <p>In exceptional circumstances, late proposals may be accepted if it is determined that the submission was sent in ample time prior to the proposal closing and the delay could not be reasonably foreseen by the proposer or were due to force majeure.</p>
EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS	
32. Confidentiality	<p>Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison of proposals, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to proposers or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, even after publication of the contract award.</p> <p>Any effort by a proposer or anyone on behalf of the proposer to influence UNDP in the examination, evaluation and comparison of the proposals or contract award decisions may, at UNDP's decision, result in the rejection of its proposal and may subsequently be subject to the application of prevailing UNDP's vendor sanctions procedures.</p>
33. Evaluation of proposals	<p>UNDP shall evaluate a proposal using only the methodologies and criteria defined in this RFP. No other criteria or methodology shall be permitted.</p> <p>UNDP shall conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted technical and financial proposals.</p> <p>Evaluation of proposals shall be undertaken in the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary examination Evaluation of minimum eligibility and qualification (if pre-qualification is not done) Evaluation of technical proposals Evaluation of financial proposals.

34. Preliminary examination	UNDP shall examine the proposals to determine whether they are complete with respect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the proposals are generally in order, among other indicators that may be used at this stage. UNDP reserves the right to reject any proposal at this stage.
35. Evaluation of eligibility and qualification	<p>Eligibility and qualification of the proposer will be evaluated against the minimum eligibility and qualification requirements specified in Section 4: Evaluation Criteria and in Article 4 (Eligible proposers).</p> <p>In general terms, vendors that meet the following criteria may be considered qualified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) They are not included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 Committee's list of terrorists and terrorist financiers, and in UNDP's ineligible vendors' list; b) They have a good financial standing and have access to adequate financial resources to perform the contract and all existing commercial commitments, c) They have the necessary similar experience, technical expertise, production capacity, quality certifications, quality assurance procedures and other resources applicable to the supply of goods and/or services required; d) They are able to comply fully with the UNDP General Terms and Conditions of Contract; e) They do not have a consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder; and f) They have a record of timely and satisfactory performance with their clients.

<p>36. Evaluation of technical and financial proposals</p>	<p>The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the technical proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and other RFP documents, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in Section 4: Evaluation Criteria. A proposal shall be rendered non-responsive at the technical evaluation stage if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet. When necessary, and if stated in the Data Sheet, UNDP may invite technically responsive proposers for a presentation related to their technical proposals. The conditions for the presentation shall be provided in the proposal document where required.</p> <p>When necessary, and if stated in the Section 3: Data Sheet, UNDP may invite technically responsive bidders for a presentation related to their technical Proposals. The conditions for the presentation shall be provided in the bid document where required.</p> <p>In the second stage, only the financial proposals of those proposers who achieve the minimum technical score will be opened for evaluation.</p> <p>The evaluation method that applies for this RFP shall be as indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet, which may be either of two (2) possible methods, as follows: (a) the lowest priced method which selects the lowest evaluated financial proposal of the technically responsive Proposers; or (b) the combined scoring method which will be based on a combination of the technical and financial score.</p> <p>When the Data Sheet specifies a combined scoring method, the formula for the rating of the proposals will be as follows:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><u>Rating the Technical Proposal (TP):</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">TP Rating = (Total Score Obtained by the Offer / Max. Obtainable Score for TP) x 100</p> <p><u>Rating the Financial Proposal (FP):</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">FP Rating = (Lowest Priced Offer / Price of the Offer Being Reviewed) x 100</p> <p><u>Total Combined Score:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Combined Score = (TP Rating) x (Weight of TP, e.g. 70%) + (FP Rating) x (Weight of FP, e.g., 30%)</p> </div>
<p>37. Post-qualification/Due Diligence</p>	<p>UNDP reserves the right to undertake a post-qualification assessment, aimed at determining, to its satisfaction, the validity of the information provided by the proposer. Such exercise shall be fully documented and may include, but need not be limited to, all or any combination of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of information provided by the proposer; b) Validation of extent of compliance to the RFP requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team; c) Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the proposer, or with previous clients, or any other entity that may have done business with the proposer; d) Inquiry and reference checking with previous clients on the performance on on-going or completed contracts, including physical inspections of previous works, as deemed necessary; e) Physical inspection of the proposer's offices, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the proposer; f) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract.

<p>38. Clarification of proposals</p>	<p>UNDP may request clarification or further information in writing from the proposers at any time during the evaluation process. The proposers' responses shall not contain any changes regarding the substance or price of the proposal, except to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the proposals, in accordance with Instructions to Proposers Article 23 (Errors or omissions).</p> <p>UNDP may use such information in interpreting and evaluating the relevant proposal but is under no obligation to take it into account.</p> <p>Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a proposer in respect to its proposal which is not a response to a request by UNDP, shall not be considered during the review and evaluation of the proposals.</p>
<p>39. Responsiveness of proposal</p>	<p>UNDP's determination of a proposal's responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the proposal itself. A substantially responsive proposal is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, TOR and other requirements of the RFP without material deviation, reservation, or omission. A material deviation, reservation, or omission is one that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) affects in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the services specified in the contract; or b) limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the solicitation documents, UNDP's rights or the proposer's obligations under the contract; or c) if rectified would unfairly affect the competitive position of other proposers presenting substantially responsive proposals. <p>If a proposal is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by UNDP and may not subsequently be made responsive by the proposer by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.</p>
<p>40. Nonconformities, reparable errors and omission</p>	<p>Provided that a proposal is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the proposal that, in the opinion of UNDP, do not constitute a material deviation. These are a matter of form and not of substance and can be corrected or waived without being prejudicial to other proposers.</p> <p>Provided that a proposal is substantially responsive UNDP may request the proposer to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the proposal related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the proposal. Failure of the proposer to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its proposal.</p> <p>For financial proposals that have been opened, UNDP shall check and correct arithmetical errors as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line-item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of UNDP there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price; in which case, the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected; b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail, and the total shall be corrected; and c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail. <p>If the proposer does not accept the correction of errors, its proposal shall be rejected, and its proposal security may be forfeited.</p>

41. Right to accept any proposal and to reject any or all proposals	UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals, and to annul the proposal process and reject all proposals at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected proposer or proposers or any obligation to inform the affected proposer or proposers of the grounds for UNDP's action. UNDP shall not be obliged to award the contract to the lowest priced offer.
AWARD OF CONTRACT	
42. Award criteria	Prior to expiration of the proposal validity, UNDP shall award the Contract to the qualified proposer based on the award criteria indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet.
43. Right to vary requirement at time of award	At the time the Contract is awarded, UNDP reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of services originally specified by up to a maximum twenty-five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions and the solicitation document.
44. Notification of award	Prior to the expiration of the period of proposal validity, UNDP will notify the successful proposer in writing by email, fax or post, that its proposal has been accepted. Please note that the proposer, if not already registered at the appropriate level in UNGM, will be required to complete the vendor registration process on the UNGM prior to the signature and finalization of the contract.
45. Debriefing	In the event that a proposer is unsuccessful, the proposer may request a debriefing from UNDP. The purpose of the debriefing is to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the proposer's submission, in order to assist the proposer in improving its future proposals for UNDP procurement opportunities. The content of other proposals and how they compare to the proposer's submission shall not be discussed.
46. Publication of contract award	UNDP will publish the contract award on UNDP Procurement Notices website https://procurement-notices.undp.org/view_awards.cfm which is linked to the United Nations Global Marketplace , with the RFP Reference number, the information of the awarded proposer's company name, contract amount or LTA and the date of the contract.
47. Contract Signature	Within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the Contract, the successful Bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to UNDP. Failure to do so may constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award, and forfeiture of the Bid Security, if any, and on which event, UNDP may award the Contract to the Second highest rated or call for new Bids.
48. Contract Type and General Terms and Conditions	The types of Contract to be signed and the applicable UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions, as specified in Data Sheet, can be accessed at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
49. Performance security	<p>The successful Proposer, if so specified in Section 3: Data Sheet shall furnish a Performance Security in the amount and form specified herein: https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPP_DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Solicitation_Performance%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&action=default, within the specified number of days after receipt of the Contract from UNDP. Banks issuing performance securities must be acceptable to the UNDP comptroller, i.e. banks certified by the central bank of the country to operate as a commercial bank. The Performance Security form is available here. UNDP shall promptly discharge the proposal securities of the unsuccessful proposers pursuant to Article 17 (Proposal security).</p> <p>Failure of the successful proposer to submit the above-mentioned Performance Security or sign the Contract shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the proposal security. In that event UNDP may award the contract to the next lowest ranked proposer.</p>

50. Bank guarantee for advance payment	<p>Except when the interests of UNDP so require, it is UNDP's standard practice not to make advance payment(s) (i.e., payments without having received any outputs). If an advance payment is allowed as per Section 3: Data Sheet, and if specified there, the proposer shall submit a Bank Guarantee in the full amount of the advance payment using this bank guarantee form available at : https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPP_DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Contract%20Management%20Payment%20and%20Taxes_Advanced%20Payment%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&action=default. Banks issuing bank guarantees must be acceptable to the UNDP comptroller, i.e. banks certified by the central bank of the country to operate as a commercial bank.</p>
51. Liquidated Damages	<p>If specified in Section 3: Data Sheet, UNDP shall apply Liquidated Damages for the damages and/or risks caused to UNDP resulting from the Contractor's delays or breach of its obligations as per the Contract. The payment or deduction of such liquidated damages shall not relieve the Contractor from any of its other obligations or liabilities pursuant to any current contract or purchase order.</p>
52. Proposal protest	<p>Any proposer that believes to have been unjustly treated in connection with this proposal process or any contract that may be awarded as a result of such proposal process may submit a complaint to UNDP.</p> <p>The following link provides further details regarding UNDP vendor protest procedures: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/protest-and-sanctions.html</p>
53. Other Provisions	<p>In the event that the Bidder offers a lower price to the host Government (e.g. General Services Administration (GSA) of the federal government of the United States of America) for similar goods and/or services, UNDP shall be entitled to the same lower price. The UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence.</p> <p>UNDP is entitled to receive the same pricing offered by the same Contractor in contracts with the United Nations and/or its Agencies. The UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence.</p> <p>The United Nations has established restrictions on employment of (former) UN staff who have been involved in the procurement process as per bulletin ST/SGB/2006/15 http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=ST/SGB/2006/15&referer</p>

SECTION 3: DATA SHEET (DS)

The following specific data shall complement, supplement or amend the provisions in Section 2: Instructions to Proposers. In case there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in Section 2: Instructions to Proposers.

Ref. Article in Section 2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1.	Scope	<p>The reference number of this Request for Proposal is RfP25/03100.</p> <p>The primary objective of this assignment is to prepare a feasibility study and action plan to guide the restoration and sustainable management of oxbow lakes and associated wetland ecosystems in the Lower Dniester region. These outputs will provide the technical, environmental, and financial foundation for future interventions aimed at reversing habitat degradation, enhancing ecosystem services, and strengthening climate resilience. The assignment will include an assessment of the financial resources required and potential funding sources to support implementation. It will be based on evidence-based planning, environmental safeguards, and the design of technical sound restoration measures.</p> <p>Details of services to be provided are further described in Section 5 of this RFP.</p>
2.	Eligible proposers	Proposers from all countries are eligible to participate in this proposal process.
3.	Clarification of solicitation documents	<p>Any request for clarification of solicitation documents must be sent directly in the system through Quantum message functionality.</p> <p>ATTENTION: PROPOSALS (OR ANY PART OF IT) SHALL NOT BE SUBMITTED IN THE ABOVE MANNER.</p> <p>Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications / questions: 5 (five) working days before the submission deadline</p> <p>Supplemental information to the RFP and responses / clarifications to queries will be posted directly in the system.</p>
4.	Language	All proposals, information, documents and correspondence exchanged between UNDP and the proposers in relation to this solicitation process shall be in English and/or Romanian (acceptable)
5.	Partial proposals	Submitting proposals for parts or sub-parts of the TOR is: Not allowed
6.	Currencies	<p>Prices shall be quoted only in the currency indicated in the system: MDL (Moldovan Leu) for local suppliers and USD (US Dollars) for international suppliers.</p> <p>For evaluation purposes, all the rates shall be recalculated at UN Operational Rate of Exchange indicated on the submission deadline: https://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.php</p> <p>UNDP shall not be kept liable for any fluctuations of the exchange market during contract implementation, the Contractor being legally responsible to register</p>

Ref. Article in Section 2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
		any loss/gain of currency exchange resulting from payments against the Contract in accordance with the national legislation.
7.	Duties and taxes	All prices shall: Be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes.
8.	Proposal validity period	90 days
9.	Proposal security	Not Required
10.	Alternative proposals	Shall not be considered.
11.	Pre-proposal conference	Will not be conducted
12.	Site inspection	A site inspection will not be held.
13.	Instructions for proposal submission	Proposals must be submitted directly in Quantum . Allowable manner of submitting proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ File Format: PDF files only ▪ File names must be clearly indicative of the file content and uploaded in the relevant section as instructed in the system. File names must be in English or in the language specified in this document as the bid language. ▪ All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted. ▪ It is recommended that the entire Proposal be consolidated into as few attachments as possible. ▪ The proposer should receive an email acknowledging receipt of the proposal by the system. ▪ The Financial Proposal (Forms J and K) shall be submitted directly in the system only in the "Commercial section" of the requirements. Non-compliance with this instruction may result in rejection of the proposal received.
14.	Deadline for proposal submission	Deadline for proposal submission is indicated in the portal . In case of discrepancies between the deadline in the system and deadline indicated elsewhere, the one in the system prevails. Note that system time zone is in EST/EDT (New York) time zone.
15.	Proposal Opening	Public proposal opening will NOT be held
16.	Evaluation of technical and financial proposals	Evaluation will be based on: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Combined scoring method using a distribution of 70%-30% Technical proposal - financial proposal The maximum number of technical points is detailed in Section 4: Evaluation Criteria. To be substantially compliant, Proposers must obtain a minimum threshold of 70% of maximum points from technical evaluation.
17.	Right to vary requirement at time of award	The maximum percentage by which quantities may be increased is 25% The maximum percentage by which quantities may be decreased is 25%

Ref. Article in Section 2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
18.	Contract award to one or more proposer	UNDP will award a contract to: One Bidder Only
19.	Type of contract to be awarded	Contract Face Sheet More information can be accessed at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html See Section 6 for link to sample contract.
20.	Expected date for commencement of contract	01 October 2025
21.	Conditions of contract to apply	UNDP General Terms and Conditions for contracts (goods and/or services) See Section 6 for link to the contract terms.
22.	Performance Security	Not Required
23.	Advance payment	Not Allowed
24.	Liquidated damages	Will be imposed as follows: Percentage of contract 0.33% per day of delay. Maximum of 30 days of delay, after which UNDP may terminate the contract.
25.	Documents to be submitted with your Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Company Profile, which should not exceed fifteen (15) pages, including list of relevant institutions the Company has been cooperating with, including the topic and year must be presented together with the application package. ▪ Certificate of Incorporation/ Business Registration ▪ Certified details of the ownership of the Bidder company (including each member of a JV consortium), providing the percentage ownership, share or stockholding of each party with an interest exceeding 5% of the company ownership (or Annex 1 to Business Registration Certificate – for local companies) ▪ Tax Registration/Payment Certificate issued by the Internal Revenue Authority evidencing that the Bidder is updated with its tax payment obligations, or Certificate of Tax exemption, if any such privilege is enjoyed by the Bidder ▪ Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid on behalf of an entity located outside the country▪ Internal documents such as Company Organigram, Quality Assurance and Risk mitigation procedures, Sustainability Commitments, etc. ▪ Latest Audited Financial Statements (Income Statements and Balance Sheets) including Auditor's Reports (for international companies) or registered Financial Report at the Statistical Bureau (for local companies) for the past 3 (three) years for the Bidder (2022-2024) ▪ At least 3 Clients' statements confirming satisfactory performance by the Proposer, each JV partner/Subcontractor (if the case), on the contracts of highest value carried out, during the past 5 (five) years, by each intended participant ▪ A copy of preliminary Agreement in case of Consortium. ▪ Detailed description of the Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan (sequence of actions) for the services required in the ToR, applicable

Ref. Article in Section 2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
		<p>Monitoring and Evaluation tools, and measures to ensure sustainability, with clear distribution of roles and responsibilities of the proposed key personnel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copies of contracts to prove that Offeror meets the similar experience requirement (stated under Section 4: Evaluation Criteria) ▪ List of qualified key personnel, together with CVs and Statements of Exclusivity and Availability (signed by the envisaged person) of the Key personnel (mentioned under in Section 5: ToR), including experience relevant to the required skills ▪ Quality Certificate (e.g., ISO, etc.) and/or other similar certificates, accreditations, awards, and citations received by the Bidder, if any ▪ Dully filled in Proposal Forms A-K (as per Section 7: Proposal Forms). Forms A-I, representing the Technical Proposal, shall be submitted directly in the system in the “Technical section” of the requirements. ▪ Forms J and K, representing the Financial Proposal shall be submitted directly in the system only in the “Commercial section” of the requirements. Please, ensure that no other documents are disclosing your financial proposal apart from Forms J and K. Non-compliance with this instruction may result in rejection of the proposal received

SECTION 4: EVALUATION CRITERIA

Preliminary Examination Criteria

All criteria will be evaluated on a **Pass/Fail basis** and checked during Preliminary Examination.

Criteria	Documents to establish compliance
Completeness of the Proposal	All documents requested in Section 2: Instructions to Bidders Articles 11 and 12 have been provided and are complete.
Proposer accepts UNDP General Conditions of Contract as specified in Section 6.	Duly signed and stamped Form C: Technical Proposal Submission has been provided.
Proposal Validity	Duly signed and stamped Form C: Technical Proposal Submission has been provided.
Appropriate signatures	Proposal Forms have been duly signed and stamped.
Power of Attorney [if applicable]	Certified Letter of Appointment and/or power of attorney authorizing the representative of the Bidder to sign bids has been provided.

Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria

Minimum eligibility and qualification criteria will be evaluated on a **Pass/Fail basis**.

If the Proposal is submitted as a Joint Venture, Consortium or Association, each member should meet the minimum criteria, unless otherwise specified.

Eligibility Criteria	Documents to establish compliance
Legal Status: Proposer is a legally registered entity	Form D: Proposer Information
Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging: Proposer belongs to a diverse supplier group, including micro, small or medium sized enterprise, women or youth owned business or other.	Form D: Proposer Information
Eligibility: Vendor is not suspended, nor otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization, the World Bank Group or any other International Organisation in accordance with Section 2 Article 4.	Form C: Technical Proposal Submission
Conflict of Interest: No conflicts of interest in accordance with Section 2 Article 4.	Form C: Technical Proposal Submission
Bankruptcy: The Proposer has not declared bankruptcy, in not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against the vendor that could impair its operations in the foreseeable future	Form C: Technical Proposal Submission

Qualification Criteria	Documents to establish compliance
History of non-performing contracts¹: Non-performance of a contract did not occur as a result of contractor default within the last 3 years ¹ .	Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
Litigation History: No consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Proposer for the last 3 years.	Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
Previous Experience:	
At least 5 (five) years of experience in implementing projects related to ecological restoration, river or wetland rehabilitation, water resources management or related environmental engineering services <i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, Lead Party should meet requirement).</i>	Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
Demonstrated experience in at least three (3) assignments involving development of feasibility studies, technical designs, or environmental and social impact assessments for ecosystem restoration, nature-based solutions, or infrastructure projects <i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).</i>	Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
Minimum Key Personnel:	
The minimum personnel mandatory for the implementation of the contract: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Team leader / Wetlands Restoration Specialist (1) 2. Hydrologist / Water Engineer (1) 3. Ecologist / Biodiversity Expert (1) 4. Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Specialist (1) 5. Technical Designer / Civil Engineer (1) 6. Community Liaison / Stakeholder Engagement Specialist (1) 7. GIS and Remote Sensing Specialist (1) <i>Please note: Position of Team leader can be combined with another position (but only one) listed above, if the person has the minimum qualifications required.</i>	Duly signed CVs and Statements of Exclusivity and Availability, including any other supporting documents, attached to Form H: Format for CV of proposed Key Personnel

¹ Non-performance, as decided by UNDP, shall include all contracts where (a) non-performance was not challenged by the contractor, including through referral to the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract, and (b) contracts that were so challenged but fully settled against the contractor. Non-performance shall not include contracts where Employer's decision was overruled by the dispute resolution mechanism. Non-performance must be based on all information on fully settled disputes or litigation, i.e. dispute or litigation that has been resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract and where all appeal instances available to the Bidder have been exhausted.

<i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).</i>	
Financial Standing:	
Liquidity: The Ratio Average current assets / Current liabilities over the last 3 (three) years must be equal or greater than 1. Proposers must include in their Proposal audited balance sheets cover the last 3 (three) years. <i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).</i>	Copy of audited financial statements for the last 3 (three) years. Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
Turnover: Proposers should have annual sales turnover of minimum 30,000 USD for the last 3 (three) years. <i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).</i>	Copy of audited financial statements for the last 3 (three) years. Form F: Eligibility and Qualification

Technical Evaluation Criteria

Summary of technical proposal evaluation sections		Points obtainable
1.	Proposer's qualification, capacity and experience	300
2.	Proposed methodology, approach and implementation plan	400
3.	Management structure and key personnel	300
	Total	1000

Section 1. Proposer's qualification, capacity and experience		Points obtainable
1.1	Reputation of organisation and staff credibility / reliability / industry standing <i>- A company is a well-known market player, based on reference letters – up to 15 pts.</i> <i>- Financial statement: (At least \$30 000 of average annual turnover for last three years – 15 pts., between \$30 000 and \$50 000 – 25 pts; more than \$50 000 – 35 pts)</i>	50
1.2	General organisational capability which is likely to affect implementation: management structure, financial stability and project financing capacity, project management controls, extent to which any work would be subcontracted. <i>- Age/size of the firm (5 years – 10 pts, > 5 years – 5 pts for each additional year up to max. 30 pts).</i> <i>- Project management controls (organigram) - up to 20 pts</i>	50

1.3	<p>Relevance of specialised knowledge and experience on similar engagements done in the region / country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least 5 (five) years of experience in implementing projects related to ecological restoration, river or wetland rehabilitation, water resources management or related environmental engineering services. (5 years – 30 pts, > 5 years – 5 pts for each additional year up to max. of 50 pts) - Demonstrated experience in at least three (3) assignments involving development of feasibility studies, technical designs, or environmental and social impact assessments for ecosystem restoration, nature-based solutions, or infrastructure projects. (3 assignments – 20 pts, for each additional assignment -10 pts, up to max. of 60 pts). - Demonstrated experience in at least two (2) assignments related to wetland or floodplain restoration, waterbody rehabilitation, or biodiversity conservation in the Dniester River Basin (2 assignments – 10 pts, for each additional assignment - 5 pts, up to max. of 25 pts). - Demonstrated experience in at least one (1) assignment aligned with international environmental standards and guidelines (e.g., Ramsar Convention, EU Water Framework Directive, or equivalent) (1 assignment – 10 pts, for each additional assignment - 5 pts, up to max. of 25 pts). - Working experience with UN Agencies and/or other international organizations will be an asset (no – 0 pts., yes – 10 pts.). 	170
1.4	<p>Organisation Commitment to Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organisation is compliant with ISO 14001 or ISO 14064 or equivalent – 10 points - Organisation is a member of the UN Global Compact – 5 points - Organisation demonstrates significant commitment to sustainability through some other means (for example internal company policy documents on women empowerment, climate change, renewable energies or membership of trade institutions promoting such issues) – 15 points 	30
Total Section 1		300

Section 2. Proposed methodology approach and implementation plan		Points obtainable
2.1	<p>Understanding of the requirement: Have the important aspects of the task been addressed in sufficient detail?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Proposer has full understanding of the assignment. The important aspects of the task have been addressed in sufficient detail in a manner which does not require any further clarification on the proposed methodology – up to 80 pts. - The Proposer has satisfactory understanding of the assignment. The important aspects of the task have been addressed in a manner which requires some clarification on the proposed methodology – up to 50 pts. 	80

	<p><i>- The Proposer has limited understanding of the assignment. The important aspects of the task have not been addressed in sufficient detail and require major clarification on the proposed methodology – up to 20 pts.</i></p>	
2.2	<p>Description of the Proposer’s approach and methodology for meeting or exceeding the requirements of the Terms of Reference</p> <p><i>- The proposed approach and methodology fully demonstrate responsiveness to the ToR- up to 100 pts.</i></p> <p><i>- The proposed approach and methodology correspond to the TOR but require some adjustments to properly address all the tasks. – up to 65 pts.</i></p> <p><i>- The proposed approach and methodology don’t correspond to the TOR and require major adjustments to properly address the tasks. – up to 30 pts.</i></p>	100
2.3	<p>Details on how the different service elements shall be organised, controlled and delivered</p> <p><i>- Different service elements of the assignment are adequately weighted relative to one another – up to 50 pts.</i></p> <p><i>- Different service elements of the assignment have been partially weighted relative to one another – up to 30 pts.</i></p> <p><i>- The different service elements of the assignment have not been weighted relative to one another – up to 10 pts.</i></p>	50
2.4	<p>Description of available performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools; how they shall be adopted and used for a specific requirement</p> <p><i>- The proposed M&E methodology fully responds to the engagement – up to 50 pts.</i></p> <p><i>- The proposed M&E methodology is well-structured and defined but requires some clarifications from bidder – up to 25 pts.</i></p> <p><i>- The proposed M&E methodology requires major adjustments to address the tasks –up to 10 pts.</i></p> <p><i>- No M&E methodology was provided – 0 pts.</i></p>	50
2.5	<p>Assessment of the implementation plan proposed including whether the activities are properly sequenced and if these are logical and realistic</p> <p><i>- The Implementation Plan is well structured with well-defined sequence of activities in a manner which does not require further clarification on methodology – up to 70 pts.</i></p> <p><i>- The Implementation Plan is well structured with well-defined sequence of activities but some clarification on methodology is needed – up to 40 pts.</i></p> <p><i>- The presentation of the implementation plan is not well structured and requires major clarifications from bidder – up to 10 pts.</i></p>	70
2.6	Description of the quality assurance procedures and risk mitigation measures:	50

	<p><i>To what extent does the proposal include robust quality assurance mechanisms to ensure effective, timely, and results-oriented implementation of activities (no quality assurance mechanisms are described – 0 pts.; some quality measures are included but lack detail or consistency (10 pts.); comprehensive and realistic quality assurance system is provided (25 pts.)</i></p> <p><i>How well are the key risks to project implementation identified, and how appropriate and realistic are the proposed mitigation strategies (No risks identified and no mitigation measures proposed – 0 pts.; Several relevant risks identified with some mitigation strategies but lacks integration or depth – 10 pts.; Risks are thoroughly analysed; mitigation strategies are well-developed, proactive, and integrated into the implementation plan – 25 pts.)</i></p>	
Total Section 2		400

Section 3. Management Structure and Key Personnel		Points obtainable
1	Team leader / Wetlands Restoration Specialist	60
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University degree in economics, public administration, environmental sciences, water resources management, hydrology, civil/hyrotechnical engineering, or a related field (University degree – 5 pts., master’s degree 10 pts., PhD. – 15 pts.) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 7 (seven) years of experience in ecosystem restoration, integrated water resources management, or wetland rehabilitation (7 years – 10 pts., each additional year – 2.5 pts., up to a max. of 20 pts.) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proven leadership in managing multi-disciplinary teams for at least 2 projects related to development of feasibility studies, technical designs, or environmental and social impact assessments for ecosystem restoration, nature-based solutions, or infrastructure projects. (2 assignments – 5 pts., each additional project – 5 pts., up to max 15 pts.) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proficiency in Romanian and English language (particularly for developing and submitting reports) (Romanian no – 0 pts., yes – 5pts / English no – 0 pts., yes – 5 pts) 	
2	Hydrologist / Water Engineer	50
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University degree in hydrology, hydraulic engineering, water resources management, or a closely related discipline (University degree – 5 pts., master’s degree 10 pts or PhD. – 15 pts.) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 5 (five) years of experience in river basin hydrology, floodplain analysis, and modelling of surface water systems (5 years – 5 pts., each additional year – 2 pts., up to a max. of 15 pts.) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proven experience in developing hydrological models and assessing water retention or re-connection scenarios (2 assignments-5 pts., each additional assignment – 2.5 pts., up to a max of 10 pts.) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proficiency in Romanian and/or English language (Romanian no – 0 pts., yes – 5pts / English no – 0 pts., yes – 5 pts) 	

3	Ecologist / Biodiversity Expert		45
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University degree in biology, ecology, environmental sciences, or natural resource management (University degree – 5 pts., master’s degree -10 pts; PhD. – 15 pts.) 	15	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 5 (five) years of experience in biodiversity assessments, habitat restoration, and ecosystem services valuation (5 years –5 pts., each additional year – 2 pts., up to a max. of 15 pts.) 	15	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proven experience with species of conservation concern, or habitat mapping using Ramsar criteria, or with invasive species control and rewilding techniques (no – 0 pts., yes – 5 pts.) 	5	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proficiency in Romanian and/or English language (Romanian no – 0 pts., yes – 5pts / English no – 0 pts., yes – 5 pts) 	10	
4	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Specialist		40
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University degree in environmental sciences, social sciences, environmental law, or a related discipline (University degree – 5 pts., master’s degree -10 pts.) 	10	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 5 (five) years of experience in conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment in compliance with Moldovan Law No. 86/2014 and international standard (5 years – 5 pts., each additional year – 2 pt., up to a max. of 15 pts.) 	15	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proven experience in public consultations and stakeholder engagement in rural or cross-river contexts is an advantage (no – 0 pts., yes – 10 pts.) 	10	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proficiency in Romanian language (Romanian no – 0 pts., yes – 5pts) 	5	
5	Civil/Hydrrotechnical Engineer		40
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University degree in civil engineering, environmental engineering, or a related discipline (University degree – 5 pts., master’s degree -10 pts.) 	10	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 5 (five) years of experience in technical design of ecological or water infrastructure (5 years – 5 pts., each additional year – 2 pt., up to a max. of 15 pts.) 	15	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proven experience in producing engineering drawings, and specifications in line with national legislation (no – 0 pts., yes – 10 pts.) 	10	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proficiency in Romanian language (Romanian no – 0 pts., yes – 5pts) 	5	
6	Community Liaison / Stakeholder Engagement Specialist		40
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University degree in sociology, public administration, or related field (University degree – 5 pts., master’s degree -10 pts.) 	10	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 3 (three) years of experience in stakeholder engagement and participatory planning (3 years – 5 pts., each additional year – 2 pt., up to a max. of 15 pts.) 	15	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proven experience in community-level consultations in the context of ESIA according to Moldovan Law No. 86/2014 and international standard (no – 0 pts., yes – 5 pts.) 	5	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proficiency in Romanian and Russian language (Romanian no – 0 pts., yes – 5pts / English no – 0 pts., yes – 5 pts) 	10	

7	GIS and Remote Sensing Specialist		25
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University degree in geoinformatics, geography, or related discipline (University degree – 5 pts., master’s degree -10 pts.) 	10	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 3 (three) years of experience in environmental or hydrological projects involving geospatial data (3 years – 5 pts., each additional year – 2.5 pts., up to a max. of 10 pts.) 	10	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proficiency in GIS software (e.g., QGIS, ArcGIS) preferably for wetland mapping, spatial analysis, and land cover assessment (no – 0 pts., yes – 5 pts.) 	5	
Total Section 3			300

SECTION 5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Title: Development of a Feasibility Study and Concept Design Package for the Ecological Rehabilitation of the Lower Dniester Oxbow

Project: “Supporting the Moldovan authorities in the sustainable management of the Dniester River” Project/Dniester 2

1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The project “Support to the Moldovan Authorities for the Sustainable Management of the Dniester River – Phase II” aims to enhance environmental and social conditions in the Dniester River Basin through strengthened governance and integrated water resource management. Implemented by UNDP with the financial support from Sweden, the initiative builds on the achievements of the first phase and responds to the pressing ecological, institutional, and transboundary challenges identified in the Dniester Impact Study and other related assessments.

The overall objective of the project is to increase the capacity of the Moldovan Government to sustainably manage the Dniester River Basin at both national and transboundary levels. The project focuses on enhancing Moldova’s regulatory framework in line with the EU Water Framework Directive, updating the Dniester River Basin Management Plan (RBMP), and building institutional capabilities. It also aims to improve the ecological status of critical ecosystems within the basin through targeted environmental interventions that offer demonstrable benefits to communities and biodiversity alike.

More specifically, the project supports a range of activities under several outcomes, including the development of legal tools, technical methodologies, and infrastructure-related assessments. A central theme of the project is the integrated management of water resources that links environmental, social, and economic considerations. Particular attention is given to climate resilience, disaster risk reduction, and the protection of vulnerable aquatic ecosystems such as wetlands and oxbows along the Lower Dniester.

Under one of envisioned project outcomes, the project will focus on reducing the vulnerability of ecosystems in the Lower Dniester through targeted rehabilitation and nature-based solutions. The target area that includes the Lower Dniester National Park and a designated Ramsar site, plays a vital ecological role due to its complex network of wetlands, floodplains, and oxbow lakes. However, it faces significant degradation due to altered hydrology, pollution, and unsustainable land use practices. Recognizing the need for concrete action, the project will implement concrete activities to contribute to restoration of these ecosystems and enhance their functionality.

Particularly, the project will implement practical biodiversity rehabilitation measures in the Lower Dniester through a dedicated small grants mechanism targeting civil society organizations, concrete restoration actions are to be undertaken in the Lower Dniester National Park. These field-based interventions are designed to align with national conservation priorities while strengthening the implementation of the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) and enhancing community engagement in nature-based solutions.

Complementing these efforts, UNDP will support a 42-hectare afforestation initiative in Talmaza, located on a former pastureland within the buffer zone of the National Park. The intervention aims to expand forest cover, reduce soil erosion, and enhance the ecological connectivity. Native tree species suited to local soil and climatic conditions will be planted using environmentally sustainable practices. This afforestation initiative will contribute to Moldova’s national reforestation targets and climate commitments, while delivering tangible benefits to biodiversity and local livelihoods.

The project is being implemented through August 2022 - April 2027.

2. SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The Lower Dniester region, located in the southeastern part of the Republic of Moldova, is home to one of the most ecologically significant areas in the country—the Lower Dniester oxbow, also known as the "Blind Dniester". The oxbow spans across the territory of four villages: Copanca and Grădinița in the Căușeni District, Talmaza in the Ștefan Vodă District, and Cremenciug that falls under the jurisdiction of the left bank de facto authorities. This natural watercourse, with a length of approximately 42 kilometers, is a remnant of the former main course of the Dniester River that changed after a 19th century earthquake. Despite being separated from the main river, it has retained its ecological and hydrological significance over the decades. Today, it forms part of a designated Ramsar Site and falls within the Lower Dniester National Park, recognized nationally and internationally for its ecological significance.

The Lower Dniester oxbow plays a critical role in maintaining regional biodiversity. It hosts numerous species of flora and fauna of national and international conservation concern, including *Salvinia natans* and *Trapa natans*, as well as mammals like the European otter (*Lutra lutra*), ermine (*Mustela ermine*), and wildcat (*Felis silvestris*) that depend on the oxbow for water, shelter, and feeding grounds. It also serves as an essential stopover for migratory birds protected under the Bonn Convention.

In addition to its ecological value, the oxbow serves the socio-economic needs of local communities. Historically, it provided a source of freshwater for irrigation, supported rich fish populations for local fisheries, and offered leisure and tourism opportunities. The oxbow also contributes to maintaining soil moisture and halting desertification in the surrounding meadows and agricultural lands. Its adjacent territories, such as the nature reserves "Copanca," "Leuntea," and the "Turkish Garden" landscape reserve, further enhance its ecological connectivity and cultural significance.

Despite its importance, the ecological condition of the Lower Dniester oxbow has severely deteriorated. Since the early 20th century, the oxbow's natural hydrological connections with the Dniester River have been disrupted due to the construction of water locks and embankments. Water flow is now limited and primarily depends on mechanical pumping or sporadic recharge during strong floods. Extensive sandbanks have formed, and in certain zones like between Leuntea and Copanca, landslides have filled the bed with earth. All these have resulted in significant siltation, sediment accumulation, loss of hydrological connectivity, and drying of large sections of the riverbed, thus turning the oxbow from a dynamic wetland into fragmented, stagnant water bodies exhibiting signs of eutrophication and decay.

The degradation of the oxbow threatens not only its ecological integrity but also the livelihoods of local populations. With fish stocks declining and irrigation capabilities reduced, agricultural productivity and food security in adjacent communities are affected. Additionally, the loss of ecosystem services, such as flood regulation, water filtration, and habitat provisioning, has long-term implications for regional climate resilience and environmental health.

Several studies and assessments over the past decades have documented the oxbow's environmental decline and highlighted the urgent need for rehabilitation. Notably, some targeted interventions were made under an earlier SDC/ADA Project "Strengthening the institutional framework in the water and sanitation sector in the Republic of Moldova (Phase 01), which included repairing a water lock and cleaning a channel near Talmaza. While beneficial, these efforts were limited in scope and unable to address the oxbow's systemic issues or restore its hydrological and ecological integrity.

The overall objective of this assignment is to prepare a feasibility study and action plan to guide the restoration and sustainable management of oxbow lakes and associated wetland ecosystems in the Lower Dniester region. These outputs will provide the technical, environmental, and financial foundation for future interventions aimed at reversing habitat degradation, enhancing ecosystem services, and strengthening climate resilience. The assignment will include an assessment of the financial resources required and potential funding sources to support implementation. It will be based on evidence-based planning, environmental safeguards, and the concept design of technically sound restoration measures. The process will also foster inclusive stakeholder engagement and transboundary cooperation between communities and institutions on both the right and left banks of the Dniester River, supporting a coordinated response to shared ecological challenges and advancing nature-based solutions.

The specific objectives are as follows:

- To compile and critically assess existing data, assessments, and technical studies regarding the ecological character, hydrological functionality, and ecosystem services of wetlands and oxbow lakes in the target villages

(Copanca, Grădinița, Talmază, and Cremenciug), in order to establish a robust ecological baseline and confirm priority areas for rehabilitation, consistent with the Ramsar wise use approach;

- To conduct a comprehensive feasibility study for each selected wetland restoration site, incorporating hydrological, ecological, socio-economic, cultural, and engineering analyses, and applying ecosystem-based approaches to identify the most sustainable and cost-effective rehabilitation options that are also technically feasible and socially accepted by local communities;
- To carry out a biodiversity-inclusive Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of the proposed restoration interventions in alignment with Law No. 86/2014 on Environmental Impact Assessment and Ramsar guidance, ensuring early public and institutional participation, transparency, and thorough evaluation of potential impacts on wetland biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- To develop a concept design documentation package for each restoration intervention, that outlines the ecological and engineering rationale, proposed measures, spatial layout, implementation phasing, preliminary cost estimates, and environmental safeguards, in alignment with national legislation, the Urbanism and Construction Code, and Ramsar principles for ecological character conservation.

3. TASKS TO BE PERFORMED UNDER THE ASSIGNMENT

The Contractor will be responsible for the planning, analysis, consultation, and design of restoration and sustainable management measures for the Lower Dniester oxbow and its associated wetland ecosystems. The work must be carried out in close coordination with the Ministry of Environment, its subordinated agencies, local authorities from the villages of Copanca, Grădinița, Talmază, and Cremenciug (under the left bank de facto administration), and relevant stakeholders.

The assignment must ensure full alignment with Moldova's legal and institutional frameworks and incorporate international best practices, including Ramsar guidelines, to deliver technically sound, ecologically sustainable, and socially inclusive restoration solutions.

The activities shall be structured under the following main tasks and sub-tasks:

Task 1: Review of Existing Data and Gap Assessment

The task's objective is to establish a comprehensive and evidence-based understanding of the ecological, hydrological, and socio-economic context of the Lower Dniester oxbow and associated wetlands by synthesizing prior assessments and identifying data gaps.

This task involves a desk review and analysis of all relevant studies, maps, surveys, environmental assessments, and technical reports developed in the past decade. These may include but not limited to the Dniester Impact Study (2021), Assessment of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity of the Lower Dniester (2020), Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis of the Dniester River Basin (2015), Analysis of the effects of Dniester reservoirs on the state of the Dniester river (2019), and other GEF Dniester reports, biodiversity monitoring reports, hydrological modeling outputs, Ramsar inventory data, and earlier feasibility studies by national authorities or international development partners. Emphasis will be placed on understanding baseline ecological conditions using indicators such as species richness, water quality parameters, habitat fragmentation, and hydrological variability.

A **Baseline Assessment and Data Synthesis Report** will be prepared consolidating available knowledge on the condition of the oxbow and adjacent wetlands. The report will map out areas needing rehabilitation, note sensitive habitats (e.g., reed beds, spawning grounds), and outline current pressures (e.g., water abstraction, sedimentation, invasive species). This report will establish a reference point for the feasibility, ESIA, and design phases. Indicators shall be consistent with Ramsar ecological character descriptors, including criteria for Ramsar Listing (e.g., wetland types, hydrology, species, and ecological dynamics).

To reach the task's objectives, the Contractor will undertake the following sub-tasks:

- 1.1. Collect and review all relevant existing ecological, hydrological, and socio-economic studies related to the oxbow and associated wetlands;
- 1.2. Identify data gaps and define baseline indicators consistent with Ramsar guidelines;
- 1.3. Map the spatial extent of the wetlands and key habitats using available geospatial data and site visits;
- 1.4. Conduct field verification missions to validate existing data and ecological assumptions.

Task 2: Feasibility Study

The task aims to identify and evaluate technically, economically, socially, and environmentally viable restoration options for selected oxbow sections in the four target communities: Copanca, Talmaza, Grădinița, and Cremenciug.

The feasibility study will include hydrological modelling (e.g., flow regime restoration, sediment control), ecological assessments (e.g., native habitat re-establishment), land tenure and land use analysis, cost-benefit assessment, and institutional implementation capacity review. A participatory planning approach will ensure input from local stakeholders and public authorities through public consultations in each of the four target communities to present, discuss, and gather feedback on the proposed site-specific intervention options, ensuring that community perspectives and local knowledge are integrated into the final restoration scenarios. Restoration options should reflect both ecological potential and community priorities.

A **Feasibility Study Report** will be prepared detailing site-specific intervention options, ranked by viability and impact, including an implementation roadmap, indicative budgets along with potential national and international funding sources, and preferred technical scenarios. Socioeconomic benefits such as improved water retention, biodiversity restoration, and ecosystem services (e.g., flood control, eco-tourism potential) should be explicitly evaluated. The feasibility assessment will also outline preconditions for intervention success (e.g., access rights, seasonal hydrology, grazing controls) and integration with broader basin-wide water management plans, following the Ramsar approach for wetland restoration design.

To reach the task's objectives, the Contractor will undertake the following sub-tasks:

- 2.1. Analyze hydrological dynamics including water source, seasonal variation, and potential for natural recharge or re-connection with the Dniester;
- 2.2. Evaluate ecological characteristics, including flora, fauna, and habitat quality;
- 2.3. Assess socio-economic, cultural, and land use conditions in relation to ecosystem services;
- 2.4. Identify and compare restoration scenarios using ecosystem-based approaches;
- 2.5. Organize public consultations in all four villages on feasibility options;
- 2.6. Recommend the most feasible option(s) for each village location.

Task 3: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)

The task aims to assess potential environmental and social impacts of proposed restoration measures and ensure that all risks are properly mitigated, in full compliance with Moldovan Law No. 86/2014.

A full ESIA process will be undertaken for the prioritized interventions. This includes screening and scoping, baseline impact analysis, risk identification, stakeholder consultations, and formulation of environmental management plans (EMPs). Four public consultations—one in each village—will be organized in accordance with the law and best practices in environmental governance. The ESIA must integrate perspectives of affected populations, especially women, farmers, fishers, and marginalized groups.

An **Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report** will be prepared covering all relevant environmental domains (air, soil, water, flora/fauna), public health, and cultural heritage, with specific emphasis on mitigation measures, institutional responsibilities, and monitoring indicators. Public participation will be documented through minutes, attendance lists, and feedback incorporated into the EMP. This step is critical for transparency and accountability and aligns with procedural guidelines of the Law 86/2014.

To reach the task's objectives, the Contractor will undertake the following sub-tasks:

- 3.1. Conduct ESIA in accordance with Law No. 86/2014 on Environmental Impact Assessment;
- 3.2. Ensure inclusion of biodiversity and ecosystem services in impact analysis;
- 3.3. Organize public consultations in all four villages (Copanca, Grădinița, Talmaza, and Cremenciug), ensuring participation of diverse community groups;
- 3.4. Document stakeholders' feedback and integrate into final ESIA;
- 3.5. Define monitoring and mitigation measures.

Task 4: Concept Design Documentation

The task's objective is to prepare a robust and technically sound Concept Design Package for each selected ecological restoration intervention that reflects the results of the feasibility study and ESIA, while serving as a foundational basis for future development of detailed technical designs and implementation planning.

Concept designs will illustrate the ecological and engineering logic of proposed interventions, including descriptions of hydrological improvements, ecological restoration measures, and infrastructure components such as flow reconnecting channels, fish passages, or sediment traps. The concept package will include preliminary spatial layouts, functional cross-sections, construction phasing suggestions, and initial cost estimates. Nature-based solutions and ecological engineering techniques must be prioritized, and alignment with hydrological modeling and biodiversity assessments must be demonstrated.

To ensure institutional ownership, the concept designs must be discussed with relevant stakeholders and approved by national technical bodies where applicable. The concept design will enable authorities to seek funding for implementation and guide future procurement and permitting processes.

A **Concept Design Documentation Package** will be prepared to guide future detailed design and procurement processes. This package will include preliminary engineering layouts, conceptual site plans, indicative cost estimates, and a design justification note demonstrating alignment with the feasibility study and ESIA findings. Reference to international best practices in oxbow rehabilitation, such as those documented in Ramsar guidance, is encouraged.

To reach the task's objectives, the Contractor will undertake the following sub-tasks:

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- 4.1. Translate the preferred options identified during feasibility into concept-level technical descriptions;
- 4.2. Provide visual representations such as maps, layout diagrams, and conceptual sketches;
- 4.3. Include a narrative explanation of ecological functions and hydrological rationale;
- 4.4. Outline preliminary cost estimates and timelines;
- 4.5. Ensure that the concept design integrates findings from the ESIA and community consultations;

Validate the concept designs with relevant authorities and stakeholders. **Task 5: Coordination and Stakeholder Engagement**

The task aims to ensure inclusive participation and institutional buy-in throughout the assignment lifecycle.

Stakeholder mapping will be conducted to identify relevant actors, including local public administrations, park authorities, environmental NGOs, and cross-river stakeholders. A coordination mechanism will be established with the Ministry of Environment, National Authority "Apele Moldovei", and local governance structures. Community visioning workshops, working groups, and bilateral consultations will support the design process.

Stakeholder engagement and coordination activities shall include stakeholder analysis, an engagement timeline, a strategy for integrating feedback, and documentation of consultation outcomes. Special attention will be given to involving representatives from left-bank authorities, where politically feasible, and to ensuring that the proposed interventions are broadly endorsed at the community level. All findings and documentation related to stakeholder engagement shall be incorporated as a dedicated section within the **Final Consolidated Assignment Report**.

To reach the task's objectives, the Contractor will undertake the following sub-tasks:

- 5.1. Hold regular coordination meetings with the Ministry of Environment and Apele Moldovei;
- 5.2. Facilitate cross-river cooperation with left bank counterparts and joint site visits when possible;
- 5.3. Engage community leaders and local actors to support future implementation and sustainability;
- 5.4. Maintain continuous communication and report progress to the UNDP and Ministry of Environment.

Task 6: Documentation and Reporting

The task's objective is to ensure consistent documentation and quality control throughout the assignment.

The Contractor will maintain clear records of activities, consultations, deliverables, and quality assurance steps. Each deliverable will be submitted in draft and final form, incorporating feedback from the Ministry of Environment and relevant technical bodies. Reporting will follow a standardized format to facilitate review of the following deliverables:

1. Baseline Assessment and Data Synthesis Report
2. Feasibility Study Report
3. Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report
4. Concept Design Documentation Package
5. Final Consolidated Assignment Report

6. DELIVERABLES AND TIMEFRAME

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

No.	Deliverable	Description	Percentage of total price (weight for payment)	Indicative Deadline
1	Baseline Assessment and Data Synthesis Report	Consolidated available knowledge on the condition of the oxbow and adjacent wetlands and identified data gaps	10%	4 weeks upon contracts signing
2	Feasibility Study Report	Site-specific intervention options, ranked by viability and impact, including an implementation roadmap, indicative budgets, stakeholder feedback, and preferred technical scenarios	30%	13 weeks upon contracts signing
3	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report	Impacts on environment (air, soil, water, flora/fauna), public health, and cultural heritage, with specific emphasis on mitigation measures, institutional responsibilities, and monitoring indicators. Public consultations minutes, attendance lists and feedback	30%	20 weeks upon contracts signing
4	Concept Design Documentation Package	Preliminary engineering layouts, conceptual site plans, indicative cost estimates, construction phasing suggestions and a design justification note	20%	26 weeks upon contracts signing
5	Final Consolidated Assignment Report	Comprehensive summary integrating the key findings, deliverables, stakeholder feedback, and recommendations resulting from the entire assignment	10%	28 weeks upon contracts signing

The accomplishment of each task will be fully described and proved in the corresponding Reports and deliverables.

The deliverables will be submitted in Romanian with a summary in English covering the main achievements during the reporting period.

All reports should be prepared based on the following format requirements and schedule indicated below:

- The Reports must be prepared and presented in the format: Times New Roman, 12, single space;
- The tables must be presented in Excel in the format: Times New Roman, 12;
- All the reports and prepared documents must be presented in electronic form.

7. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The contractor shall ensure timely delivery of deliverables. The contractor will report to the Dniester 2 Project Manager 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. All deliverables under this assignment shall be subject to review and approval by the Project Manager and the Ministry of Environment.

8. DURATION OF THE WORK

Tentative duration of the assignment will be 7 months (October 2025 – April 2026)

9. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE BIDDER/S

Bidders may associate with other companies or organizations in the form of a joint venture, consortium, or subcontracting arrangement in order to collectively meet the minimum qualification requirements. In such cases, the lead entity must be clearly identified and will bear full responsibility for the performance of the contract. The qualifications of all participating entities will be considered in the evaluation, provided that the association is well-documented, roles and responsibilities are clearly defined, and the combined expertise satisfies the required technical and institutional capacities outlined in this Terms of Reference.

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

- At least 5 (five) years of experience in implementing projects related to ecological restoration, river or wetland rehabilitation, water resources management or related environmental engineering services;
- At least 3 (three) demonstrated assignments in development of feasibility studies, technical designs, or environmental and social impact assessments for ecosystem restoration, nature-based solutions, or infrastructure projects;
- Qualified staff (demonstrated by CVs) who meet the minimum requirements (as per point 10 below).

10. STAFF QUALIFICATION OF THE BIDDER

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

Position 1 - Team leader / Wetlands Restoration Specialist:

- Advanced degree in economics, public administration, environmental sciences, water resources management, hydrology, civil/hyrotechnical engineering, or a related field
- At least 7 (seven) years of experience in ecosystem restoration, integrated water resources management, or wetland rehabilitation
- Proven leadership in managing multi-disciplinary teams in at least 2 (two) projects related to development of feasibility studies, technical designs, or environmental and social impact assessments for ecosystem restoration, nature-based solutions, or infrastructure projects
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in Romanian and English.

Position 2 – Hydrologist / Water Engineer:

- Advanced degree in hydrology, hydraulic engineering, water resources management, or a closely related discipline
- At least 5 (five) years of demonstrated experience in river basin hydrology, floodplain analysis, and modeling of surface water systems
- Proven experience in developing hydrological models and assessing water retention or re-connection scenarios
- Written and oral communication skills in Romanian and English

Position 3 - Ecologist / Biodiversity Expert:

- Advanced degree in biology, ecology, environmental sciences, or natural resource management
- At least 5 (five) years of experience in biodiversity assessments, habitat restoration, and ecosystem services valuation
- Proven experience with species of conservation concern and habitat mapping using Ramsar criteria is an advantage
- Familiarity with invasive species control and rewilding techniques is an advantage
- Written and oral communication skills in Romanian and English

Position 4 - **Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Specialist**

- Advanced degree in environmental sciences, social sciences, environmental law, or a related discipline
- At least 5 (five) years of experience in conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment in compliance with Moldovan Law No. 86/2014 and international standard
- Proven experience in public consultations and stakeholder engagement in rural or cross-river contexts is an advantage
- Written and oral communication skills in Romanian

Position 5 - **Technical Designer / Hydrotechnical Engineer**

- University degree in civil engineering, environmental engineering, or a related discipline
- At least 5 (five) years of experience in technical design of ecological or water infrastructure
- Proven experience in producing engineering drawings and specifications in line with national legislation
- Written and oral communication skills in Romanian

Position 6 - **Community Liaison / Stakeholder Engagement Specialist**

- University degree in sociology, public administration, or related field
- At least 3 (three) years of experience in stakeholder engagement and participatory planning
- Proven experience in community-level consultations in the context of ESIA according to Moldovan Law No. 86/2014 and international standard
- Written and oral communication skills in Romanian and Russian

Position 7 - **GIS and Remote Sensing Specialist**

- University degree in Degree in geoinformatics, geography, or related discipline
- At least 3 (three) years of experience in environmental or hydrological projects involving geospatial data
- Proficiency in GIS software (e.g., QGIS, ArcGIS) preferably for wetland mapping, spatial analysis, and land cover assessment

The Bidder may propose individual experts to serve in multiple roles within the assignment, as long as they demonstrably meet the minimum qualifications and possess the required experience for each respective position. This approach must ensure that the workload is manageable and that the quality and timeliness of deliverables are not compromised. The Contractor is encouraged to include additional experts if needed to ensure the high quality of deliverables, particularly in transboundary coordination, ecosystem services valuation, or cultural heritage aspects. Gender balance and local expertise will be considered an advantage in evaluating the proposed team.

SECTION 6: CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT AND CONTRACT FORMS

6.1 The types of Contract to be signed and the **applicable UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions**, as specified in Data Sheet, can be accessed at <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html>

6.2 Special Conditions of Contract

The following Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) shall supplement and/or amend the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in the GCC:

N/A

6.3 Contract Form

In the event of an award, the following sample Contract will be used: Contract for Goods and/or Services to UNDP. The conditions are available at: <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html>

SECTION 7: PROPOSAL FORMS

- **Form A: Proposal Confirmation**
- **Form B: Checklist**
- **Form C: Technical Proposal Submission**
- **Form D: Proposer Information**
- **Form E: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information**
- **Form F: Eligibility and Qualification**
- **Form G: Format for Technical Proposal**
- **Form H: Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel**
- **Form I: Statement of Exclusivity and Availability**
- **Form J: Financial Proposal Submission** *[Form J is part of the Financial Proposal and shall be submitted directly in the system only in the “Commercial section” of the requirements. Please, ensure that no other documents are disclosing your financial proposal apart from Forms J and K. Non-compliance with this instruction may result in rejection of the proposal received.]*
- **Form K: Format for Financial Proposal** *[Forms K is part of the Financial Proposal and shall be submitted directly in the system only in the “Commercial section” of the requirements. Please, ensure that no other documents are disclosing your financial proposal apart from Forms J and K. Non-compliance with this instruction may result in rejection of the proposal received.]*

FORM A: PROPOSAL CONFIRMATION

Please acknowledge receipt of this RFP by completing this form and returning it by email to the address, and by the date specified, in the Letter of Invitation.

To: Insert name of contact person Email: Insert contact person's email - do not enter secure proposal email address

From: Insert name of proposer

Subject Click or tap here to enter text.RFP reference

Check the appropriate box	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES , we intend to submit a proposal.
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO , we are unable to submit a competitive proposal for the requested services at the moment

If you selected NO above, please state the reason(s) below:

Check applicable	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	The requested services are not within our range of supply
<input type="checkbox"/>	We are unable to submit a competitive proposal for the requested services at the moment
<input type="checkbox"/>	The requested services are not available at the moment
<input type="checkbox"/>	We cannot meet the requested terms of reference
<input type="checkbox"/>	The information provided for proposal purposes is insufficient
<input type="checkbox"/>	Your RFP is too complicated
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insufficient time is allowed to prepare a proposal
<input type="checkbox"/>	We cannot meet the delivery requirements
<input type="checkbox"/>	We cannot adhere to your terms and conditions e.g. payment terms, request for performance security, etc. Please provide details below.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainability criteria/requirements are too stringent (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	We do not export
<input type="checkbox"/>	We do not sell to the UN
<input type="checkbox"/>	Your requirement is too small
<input type="checkbox"/>	Our capacity is currently full
<input type="checkbox"/>	We are closed during the holiday season
<input type="checkbox"/>	We had to give priority to other clients' requests
<input type="checkbox"/>	The person handling proposals is away from the office
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please provide reasons below):
Further information: Click or tap here to enter text.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	We would like to receive future RFPs for this type of services
<input type="checkbox"/>	We don't want to receive RFPs for this type of services

Questions to the Supplier concerning the reasons for no proposal should be addressed to Click or tap here to enter text. phone Click or tap here to enter number., email Click or tap here to enter text..

FORM B: CHECKLIST

This form serves as a checklist for preparation of your Proposal. Please complete the returnable Proposal Forms in accordance with the instructions and return them as part of your Proposal submission: No alteration to the format of forms shall be permitted and no substitution shall be accepted.

Before submitting your Proposal, please ensure compliance with the instructions in Section 2: Instructions to Proposers and Section 3: Data Sheet.

Technical Proposal:

Have you duly completed all the Returnable Proposal Forms?	
▪ Form C: Technical Proposal Submission	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form D: Proposer information	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form E: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form F: Eligibility and Qualification	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form G: Technical Proposal	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form H: CVs of proposed key personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form I: Statements of exclusivity and availability for key personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you provided the required documents to establish compliance with the evaluation criteria in Section 4?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you provided the required documents in support of Form D: Proposer Information?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Financial Proposal:

▪ Form J: Financial Proposal Submission	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form K: Financial Proposal	<input type="checkbox"/>

Forms J and K, representing the Financial Proposal shall be submitted directly in the system only in the “Commercial section” of the requirements. Please, ensure that no other documents are disclosing your financial proposal apart from Forms J and K. Non-compliance with this instruction may result in rejection of the proposal received.

FORM C: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference	Click or tap here to enter text.		

We, the undersigned, offer to supply the services required for Click or tap here to enter text.in accordance with your Request for Proposals No. Click or tap here to enter text.. We hereby submit our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal, and our Financial Proposal uploaded separately under the commercial section in the system as instructed.

Proposer Declaration: on behalf of our firm, its affiliates, subsidiaries and employees, including any JV / Consortium / Association members or subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract.

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requirements and Terms and Conditions: I/We have read and fully understand the RFP, including the RFP Information and Data Sheet, Terms of Reference, the General Conditions of Contract and any Special Conditions of Contract. I/we confirm that the proposer agrees to be bound by them.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I/We confirm that the proposer 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ethics: In submitting this proposal I/we warrant that the proposer: 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 RFP; has not attempted to influence, or provide any form of personal inducement, reward or benefit to any representative of the buyer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 : https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/about-us/un-supplier-code-conduct and acknowledge that it provides the minimum standards expected of suppliers to the UN.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conflict of interest: I/We warrant that the proposer has no actual, potential or perceived conflict of Interest in submitting this proposal or entering into a contract to deliver the requirements. Where a conflict of interest arises during the RFP process the proposer will report it immediately to the Procuring Organisation's Point of Contact.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prohibitions and Sanctions: I/We hereby declare that our firm, ultimate beneficial owners, 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I/We do not employ, or anticipate employing, any person(s) who is, or has been a UN staff member within the last year, if said UN staff member has or had prior professional dealings with our firm in his/her capacity as UN staff member within the last three years of service with the UN (in accordance with UN post-employment restrictions published in ST/SGB/2006/15);
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 us that could impair our operations in the foreseeable future.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposal Validity Period: I/We confirm that this Proposal, including the price, remains open for acceptance for the proposal validity period.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I/We understand and recognize that you are not bound to accept any proposal you receive.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	By signing this declaration, the signatory below represents, warrants and agrees that he/she has been authorised by the Organisation/s to make this declaration on its/their behalf.



Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

[Stamp with official stamp of the Proposer]

FORM D: PROPOSER INFORMATION

RFP reference	Click or tap here to enter text.
Legal name of Proposer	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.
Proposer's Authorized Representative information	Name and Title: Click or tap here to enter text. Telephone numbers: Click or tap here to enter text. Email: Click or tap here to enter text.
Legal structure	Choose an item.
No. of full-time employees	Click or tap here to enter number.
No. of staff involved in similar contracts	Click or tap here to enter number.
Are you a UNGM registered vendor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, insert UNGM Vendor Number
Years of supplying to UN organisations	Click or tap here to enter text.
Are you a Click or tap here to enter text.vendor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, insert Vendor Number
Countries of operation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Subsidiaries in the region (please indicate names of subsidiaries and addresses, if relevant to the proposal)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Commercial Representatives in the country: Name/Address/Phone (for international companies only)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Quality Assurance Certification (e.g. ISO 9000 or Equivalent) (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	Click or tap here to enter text.
Does your Company have a corporate environmental policy or environmental management system/accreditation such as ISO 14001 or ISO 14064 or equivalent? (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	<p>Tick all that apply and provide supporting documentation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Environmental Policy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ISO 14001</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ISO 14064</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
Does your organization demonstrate significant commitment to sustainability, including the following aspects that have	Attach a formal statement that outlines your organisation's commitment to sustainability, where possible providing evidence of tangible results that demonstrate progress such as:

<p>been identified in the UN Sustainable Procurement Framework?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental: prevention of pollution, sustainable resources; climate change and mitigation and the protection of the environment, biodiversity. • Social: human rights and labour issues, gender equality, sustainable consumption, and social health and wellbeing. • Economic: whole life cycle costing, local communities and small or medium enterprises, and supply chain sustainability. 	<p>Tick all that are attached:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Formal statement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability report</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> UN Global Compact Communication on Progress</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
<p>Does your company belong to a diverse supplier group including micro, small or medium sized enterprise, women or youth owned business or other?</p> <p><i>(If yes, please provide details and documentation)</i></p>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
<p>Is your company a member of the UN Global Compact?</p>	<p>Choose an item.</p> <p>If yes, please provide link to Global Compact profile:</p> <p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
<p>Bank Information</p>	<p>Bank Name: Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Bank Address: Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>IBAN: Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>SWIFT/BIC: Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Account Currency: Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Bank Account Number: Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
<p>Contact person that Click or tap here to enter text. may contact for requests for clarifications during Proposal evaluation</p>	<p>Name and Title: Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Telephone numbers: Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Email: Click or tap here to enter text.</p>

FORM E: JOINT VENTURE/CONSORTIUM/ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference	Click or tap here to enter text.		

To be completed and returned with your Proposal if the Proposal is submitted as a Joint Venture/Consortium/Association.

No	Name of Partner and contact information (<i>address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail address</i>)	Proposed proportion of responsibilities (in %) and type of services to be performed
1	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
2	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
3	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

Name of leading partner (with authority to bind the JV, Consortium, Association during the RFP process and, in the event a Contract is awarded, during contract execution)	Click or tap here to enter text.
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We have attached a copy of the below referenced document signed by every partner, which details the likely legal structure of and the confirmation of joint and severable liability of the members of the said joint venture:

☐ Letter of intent to form a joint venture **OR** ☐ JV/Consortium/Association agreement

We hereby confirm that if the contract is awarded, all parties of the Joint Venture/Consortium/Association shall be jointly and severally liable to Click or tap here to enter text for the fulfilment of the provisions of the Contract.

Name _____ of _____ partner:	Name _____ of _____ partner:
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____

Name _____ of _____ partner:	Name _____ of _____ partner:
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____

FORM F: ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATION

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference	Click or tap here to enter text.		

If JV/Consortium/Association, to be completed by each partner.

History of Non- Performing Contracts

<input type="checkbox"/> No non-performing contracts during the last 3 years			
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract(s) not performed in the last 3 years			
Year	Non- performed portion of contract	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount (current value in US\$)
		Name of Client: Address of Client: Reason(s) for non-performance:	

Litigation History (including pending litigation)

<input type="checkbox"/> No litigation history for the last 5 years			
<input type="checkbox"/> Litigation History as indicated below			
Year of dispute	Amount in dispute (state currency)	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount (state currency)
		Name of Client: Address of Client: Matter in dispute: Party who initiated the dispute: Status of dispute: Party awarded if resolved:	

Previous Relevant Experience

Please list only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the **last 5 (five) years**.

List only those assignments for which the Proposer was legally contracted or sub-contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the Consortium/JV partners. Assignments completed by the Proposer's individual experts working privately or through other firms cannot be claimed as the relevant experience of the Proposer, or that of the Proposer's partners or sub-consultants, but can be claimed by the Experts themselves in their CVs. The Proposer should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so requested.

Project name & Country of Assignment	Client & Reference Contact Details	Contract Value	Period of activity and status	Types of activities undertaken and role (Contractor, sub-contractor or consortium member)

Proposers may also attach their own Project Data Sheets with more details for assignments above.

☐ Attached are the Statements of Satisfactory Performance from the Top 3 (three) Clients or more.

Financial Standing

Annual Turnover for the last 3 years	Year 2024	Currency: USD	Amount
	Year 2023	Currency: USD	Amount
	Year 2022	Currency: USD	Amount
Latest Credit Rating (if any), indicate the source and date.			

Financial information (state currency)	Historic information for the last 3 years		
	2022	2023	2024
	<i>Information from Balance Sheet</i>		
Total Assets (TA)			
Total Liabilities (TL)			
Current Assets (CA)			
Current Liabilities (CL)			
	<i>Information from Income Statement</i>		
Total / Gross Revenue (TR)			
Profits Before Taxes (PBT)			
Net Profit			
Current Ratio (current assets/current liabilities)			

☐ Attached are copies of the audited financial statements (balance sheets, including all related notes, and income statements) for the years required above complying with the following condition:

- Must reflect the financial situation of the Proposer or party to a JV, and not sister or parent companies.
- Historic financial statements must be audited by a certified public accountant.
- Historic financial statements must correspond to accounting periods already completed and audited. No statements for partial periods shall be accepted.

FORM G: FORMAT FOR TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference	Click or tap here to enter text.		

The proposer's proposal must be organised to follow the format of this Technical Proposal Form. Where the proposer is presented with a requirement or asked to use a specific approach, the proposer must not only state its acceptance, but also describe, where appropriate, how it intends to comply. Where a descriptive response is requested, failure to provide the same will be viewed as non-responsive.

Section 1: Proposer's qualification, capacity and expertise

1.1 Brief description of the organisation, including the year and country of incorporation, and types of activities undertaken.

1.2 General organizational capability which is likely to affect implementation: management structure, financial stability and project financing capacity, project management controls, extent to which any work would be subcontracted (if so, provide details).

1.3 Relevance of specialised knowledge and experience on similar engagements done in the region/country.

1.4 Quality assurance procedures and risk mitigation measures.

1.5 Organization's commitment to sustainability.

Section 2: Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan

This section should demonstrate the proposer's responsiveness to the TOR by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing the requirements, providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed and demonstrating how the proposed approach and methodology meets or exceeds the requirements. All important aspects should be addressed in sufficient detail and different components of the project should be adequately weighted relative to one another.

2.1 A detailed description of the approach, conceptual framework and methodology for how the Proposer will achieve or exceed the requirements of the Terms of Reference, keeping in mind the appropriateness to local conditions and project environment. Detail how the different service elements shall be organised, controlled and delivered.

2.2 A detailed description of the Bidder's internal technical and quality assurance mechanisms and risks identified, if any.

2.3 Description of available performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools; how they shall be adopted and used during the assignment.

2.4 Implementation plan including a Gantt chart or Project Schedule indicating the detailed sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing.

2.5 Any other comments or information regarding the project approach and methodology that will be adopted.

2.6 Description of available quality assurance procedures and risk mitigation measures, how they shall be adopted and used during the assignment.

Section 3: Management Structure and Key Personnel

3.1 Describe the overall management approach toward planning and implementing the project. Include details of key personnel including their name and nationality, the Position they will assume and their role as per the ToR. Include an

organisation chart for the management of the project describing the relationship of key positions and designations. Provide a spreadsheet to show the activities of each personnel and the time allocated for his/her involvement.

3.2 For each of the key personnel provide: the CV using the format in **Form H** and the statement of exclusivity and availability using the format in Form I. *Please provide copies of Certifications/Awards for the Key Personnel to be involved in the project.*

FORM H: FORMAT FOR CV OF PROPOSED KEY PERSONNEL

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference	Click or tap here to enter text.		

Position (as per ToR)			
Personnel Information	Name:		
	Nationality:	Date of birth:	
	Language Proficiency:		
Present Employment	Name of employer:	Contact: (manager or HR)	
	Address of employer:		
	Telephone:	Email:	
	Job title:	Years with present employer:	
Education / Qualifications	<i>Summarise college/university and other specialised education of personnel member, giving names of schools, dates attended, and degrees/qualifications obtained.</i>		
Professional Certifications	<i>Provide details of professional certifications relevant to the scope of services including name of institution and date of certification.</i>		
References:	<i>Provide names, addresses, phone and email contact information for two (2) references.</i>		

Summarise professional experience over the last 20 years in reverse chronological order. Indicate particular technical and managerial experience relevant to the project.

From	To	Company / Project / Position / Relevant technical and management experience

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I, the undersigned, certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV is accurate.

Signature of Personnel

Date (Day/Month/Year)

FORM I: STATEMENT OF EXCLUSIVITY AND AVAILABILITY

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference	Click or tap here to enter text.		

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I agree to participate exclusively with the Proposer Click or tap here to enter text. in the above referenced RFP25/03071. I further declare that I am able and willing to work for the period(s) foreseen for the position for which my CV has been included in the event that this proposal is successful, namely:

From	To
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

I confirm that I am not engaged in other projects in a position for which my services are required during the periods where my services are required under this RFP.

By making this declaration, I understand that I am not allowed to present myself as a candidate to any other proposer submitting a proposal for this RFP. I am fully aware that if I do so, I will be excluded from this RFP, the proposals may be rejected, and I may also be subject to exclusion from other UNDP's solicitation procedures and contracts.

Furthermore, should this proposal be successful, I am fully aware that if I am not available at the expected start date of my services for reasons other than ill-health or *force majeure*, I may be subject to exclusion from other Click or tap here to enter text. solicitation procedures and contracts and that the notification of award of contract to the Proposer may be rendered null and void.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

FORM J: FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference	Click or tap here to enter text.		

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services indicated in our proposal and in accordance with your Request for Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Financial Proposal in the amount indicated herewith.

Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us for the period of time specified in the Data Sheet.

We understand that you are not bound to accept any Proposal that you receive.

Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of *[Insert amount in words and figures]*. Please make sure the total matches with the total indicated in the deliverables section of the system (lines) and with the total deriving from the cost breakdown (form K).

FORM K: FORMAT FOR FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference	Click or tap here to enter text.		

The proposer is required to prepare the Financial Proposal following the below format and submit it in an envelope separate from the Technical Proposal as indicated in the Instruction to Proposers. **The inclusion of any financial information in the Technical Proposal shall lead to disqualification of the Proposer.** The Financial Proposal should align with the requirements of the Terms of Reference and the proposer's Technical Proposal.

Currency of the proposal: MDL (Moldovan Leu) for local suppliers and USD (US Dollars) for international suppliers, VAT exclusive

Table 1: Summary of Overall Prices

Costs	Amount (insert currency)
Professional Fees (from Table 2)	
Other Costs (from Table 3)	
Total Amount of Financial Proposal	

Table 2: Breakdown of Professional Fees

Name	Position	Fee Rate (insert currency)	No. of days / months / hours	Total Amount (insert currency)
		A	B	C=A*B
	1 (one) - Team leader / Wetlands Restoration Specialist			
	1 (one) – Hydrologist / Water Engineer			
	1 (one) Ecologist / Biodiversity Expert			
	1 (one) Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Specialist			
	1 (one) Technical Designer / Civil Engineer			
	1 (one) Community Liaison / Stakeholder Engagement Specialist			
	1 (one) GIS and Remote Sensing Specialist			
	Other staff (if any)			
Subtotal Professional Fees:				

Table 3: Breakdown of Other Costs

Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Unit Price (insert currency)	Total Amount (insert currency)
International flights	Return trip			
Subsistence allowance	Day			
Local transportation costs	Lump sum			
Out-of-pocket expenses				
Other Costs: <i>(please specify)</i>				
Subtotal Other Costs:				

Table 4: Breakdown of Price per Deliverable / Activity

Deliverable / Milestone as per Terms of Reference	Time (person days)	Professional Fees (insert currency)	Other Costs (insert currency)	Total (insert currency)
Deliverable 1. Baseline Assessment and Data Synthesis Report				
Deliverable 2. Feasibility Study Report				
Deliverable 3. Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report				
Deliverable 4. Technical Design Documentation Package				
Deliverable 5. Final Consolidated Assignment Report				
Total Amount of Financial Proposal (insert currency)				