

**AMENDMENT 4**  
**TO BIDDING DOCUMENTS**

Issued on August 13, 2021

**FOR**

**Procurement of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure Geoportal**

**IFB No: *MD-PSA-242290-GO-RFB***

***Land Registration and Property Valuation Project***

**Purchaser:**

***Public Services Agency***

**October 4, 2021**

With reference to the above referred **BIDDING DOCUMENT** for the procurement of *the National Spatial Data Infrastructure Geoportal*, the Bidding Documents are modified by issuance of this amendment as follows:

**I. Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS), BDS to ITB 7.1 is amended to read as follows:**

<b>B. Bidding Document</b>	
<b>ITB 7.1</b>	<p>For <u>Clarification of Bid purposes</u> only, the Purchaser's address is:</p> <p>Attention: <b>Mr. Vitalie Antociuc</b></p> <p>Address: <b>47, AlexandrPuşkin str.,</b></p> <p>City: <b>Chisinau</b></p> <p>Postal Code: <b>MD-2005</b></p> <p>Country: <b>Republic of Moldova</b></p> <p>Telephone: <b>+373 22 881 004</b></p> <p>Electronic mail address: <a href="mailto:pief.procurement@asp.gov.md">pief.procurement@asp.gov.md</a></p> <p>Requests for clarification should be received by the Purchaser no later than: <b>14 (fourteen) days prior to the deadline for submission of Bids in accordance with ITB 23.</b></p> <p><i>Requests for clarification on the electronic submission of bids should be received by the Purchaser no later than <b>October 11, 2021.</b></i></p>
<b>ITB 7.1</b>	<p>Web page: <a href="http://www.asp.gov.md/en/pief/procurari/anunturi">http://www.asp.gov.md/en/pief/procurari/anunturi</a></p>

**II. Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS), BDS to ITB 21.1 and 21.3 are amended to read as follows:**

<b>C. Preparation of Bids</b>	
<b>ITB 21.1</b>	<p>The Bidder shall prepare the original bid by combining all documents comprising the Bid (files) listed in ITB Clause 11.1 <b>in a single folder (BID)</b> in electronic format.</p> <p><b>Folder BID</b> must be further archived and encrypted in a ZIP archive i.e. <b>BID.zip</b>.</p> <p>The free 7-Zip (<a href="https://www.7-zip.org">https://www.7-zip.org</a>) is recommended to be used (Archive format: zip) with AES-256 (Encryption method: AES-256). For security reasons the password shall have at least 12 characters.</p> <p><i>The password should be kept securely for the entire procurement process and <b>only be disclosed to the Purchaser as per instructions</b> prescribed by the BDS for ITB Clause 26.1. Disclosure of password otherwise than the cases prescribed below are compromising the confidentiality principle and <b>may result in a bid rejection.</b></i></p> <p>The Bidder shall compute the hash of <b>BID.zip</b> folder using <b>SHA-256</b> hash algorithm. The resulting hashes must be 64 hexadecimal characters in length.</p>

	<p>It is recommended to use the following command (available on Windows 10) in Command Prompt (cmd.exe):</p> <pre>certutil -hashfile BID.zip SHA256 &gt; BID-HASH.txt</pre> <p>The execution of this command shall create a BID-HASH.txt file.</p> <p>As a result, the Bidder's bid shall consist of one <b>.zip folder</b> and a <b>.txt file</b> as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>BID.zip</b></li> <li>2. <b>BID-HASH.txt</b></li> </ol> <p>Bidders must safely store the bid zip archive at least until the procurement process is finished.</p>
<p><b>ITB 21.3, 21.4 and 21.5</b></p>	<p>The written confirmation of authorization to sign on behalf of the Bidder shall consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>name of the purchaser, contract title, RFB No., name of the Bidder's legal representative (President, Director, other) or person at the time designated to act on behalf of the Company through a Power of Attorney.</i></li> </ul> <p>The <b>following signature instructions</b> shall be considered by the Bidder.</p> <p>In case of <b>local Bidders</b>, the bid must be signed electronically according to Law # 91 as of May 29, 2014. The signature shall be verified on <a href="https://msign.gov.md">https://msign.gov.md</a>.</p> <p>In case of <b>international Bidders</b>, the bids shall be signed using national digital qualified certificates of their country of origin and indicating the way this signature can be verified.</p> <p>If due to some technical difficulties the use of digital signature is not possible, then documents listed in ITB Clause <i>11.1 (a) through (e)</i> <b>shall be signed by hand</b> and the scanned/pdf version be included in the Bid. All other required documents, <i>preferably in pdf searchable format</i>, shall be included unsigned in the bid submitted electronically.</p>

**III. Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS), BDS to ITB 23.1, 26.1, and 26.6 are amended to read as follows:**

<b>D. Submission and Opening of Bids</b>	
<p><b>ITB 23.1</b></p>	<p>The Bids shall be prepared as per the provisions of the BDS for ITB Clause 21 and submitted electronically.</p> <p>For Bid submission purposes only, the Purchaser's address is:</p> <p><a href="mailto:pief_procurement@asp.gov.md">pief_procurement@asp.gov.md</a></p> <p>Attention: <i>Mr. Vitalie Antociuc</i></p> <p>The deadline for Bid submission is:</p> <p>Date: <i>October 15, 2021</i></p>

	Time: <i>10:30 a.m. local time</i>
ITB 23.1	<p>Bidders <b>SHALL</b> have the option of submitting their Bids electronically.</p> <p>The electronic Bidding submission procedures shall be as follows:  Prior to the Bids' Submission Deadline (BSD), the Bidder shall submit the Bid electronically as attachments in the manner described in the BDS for ITB Clause 21.1 (<b>BID.zip; BID-HASH.txt</b>), to the e-mail address specified in the BDS for ITB Clause 23.1.</p> <p><b><u>THE PASSWORD FOR THE ENCRYPTED FOLDER MUST NOT BE SENT AT THIS STAGE.</u></b></p> <p>The e-mail message including all attachments <b>should not exceed 20MB</b>. The subject line of the e-mail message shall specify the RFB number i.e. "<b>MD-PSA-242290-GO-RFB</b>" and the Bidder's name. <u>Bids/e-mails containing passwords are compromising the confidentiality principle and <b>are subject to rejection</b></u>. Bidders must safely store the zip archive as submitted for the entire procurement process.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> <i>It is strongly recommended that the e-mail message and archived bid do not exceed the specified size. However, if for technical reasons the archived bid exceeds the recommended size, the archive must be split in volumes while archiving, with each volume hashed separately and submitted by separate e-mails. In this case all volumes must be received by the Purchaser not later than the Bids' Submission Deadline.</i></p> <p>The Purchaser will confirm by e-mail the receipt of each bid and if hashes correspond to the attached zip archive(s).</p> <p>Early submission will allow the Purchaser to confirm the receipt before the submission deadline. If such confirmation is not received by the Bidder, the Bidder shall contact the Purchaser for clarifications.</p> <p>Immediately after <b>Bids' Submission Deadline</b>, the Purchaser shall verify all received encrypted archives and their corresponding hashes and prepare the Bids Confirmation Report (BCR). The BCR will be sent to all Bidders that submitted bids <b>with associated instructions and link to the online conference for bids opening</b>.</p> <p>All Bidders shall verify the information regarding their bids presented in the BCR and confirm the correctness of the information by replying to the Purchaser after the receipt of the BCR and not later than <b>12:45 local time</b>.</p> <p><b>NO REPLY</b> from the Bidder in the specified timeframe shall be interpreted as <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to the information included in the BCR.</p>
ITB 26.1	<p>The Bid opening shall take place at:</p> <p>Street Address: <i>47, Alexandr Puşkin str.</i></p> <p>Floor/Room number: <i>4<sup>th</sup> floor, conference room</i></p> <p>City: <i>Chisinau</i></p> <p>Country: <i>Republic of Moldova</i></p> <p>Date: <i>October 15, 2021</i></p> <p>Time: <i>13:00 local time</i></p> <p><b>Zoom</b> as online conferencing tool is proposed to be used by the <b>Purchaser</b>.</p>

	<p>The Bidder shall be available to interact with the Purchaser via e-mail, phone, and online conferencing tool (<b>Zoom</b>) proposed by the Purchaser for at least 3 hours starting with the <b>Bids' Submission Deadline</b>.</p> <p>All Bidders are encouraged to participate in and may join the online conference following the link sent along with the BCR.</p> <p>Bidders MUST send the password of their <b>bid encrypted folder (BID.zip)</b> to the Purchaser to the e-mail address specified in the BDS for ITB clause 23.1, starting with <b>12:30 local time</b> but not later than <b>13:00 local time</b>. The password shall be provided in the following format "password", all characters forming the password must be included between quotation marks.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> <i>If the Bidder encounters technical difficulties in submitting the password for the Bid, it shall immediately inform the Purchaser to get instructions on alternatives on submitting the password.</i></p> <p>A Bid that <i>cannot be decrypted due to a corrupt file or invalid password still having the correct hash, or that for which the Bidder has not submitted/provided the password in the specified time, is subject to rejection.</i></p>
<b>ITB 26.1</b>	<p>The electronic Bid opening procedures shall be:  <b>Zoom</b> as online conferencing tool is proposed to be used by the <b>Purchaser</b>.  The Purchaser, as the organizer of the Zoom meeting, will enable screen sharing. While opening each bid, the Purchaser will first show/check that the bid's hash is the same as that indicated in the BCR, already received by the Bidders. After that, the Purchaser shall open the <b>bid encrypted file (BID.zip)</b> by applying the password submitted by the Bidder as instructed in BDS for ITB 26.1.</p>
<b>ITB 26.6</b>	<p>The Letter of Bid and Price Schedules shall be initialed by <b>not applicable</b>.</p>

**IV. Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS), BDS to ITB 26.9** is added as follows:

<b>ITB 26.9</b>	<p>The Opening meeting shall be recorded using the online conferencing tool proposed by the Purchaser (Zoom).</p>
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**V.** All other provisions of the **BIDDING DOCUMENT** remain unchanged and shall apply.

**VI.** This Amendment is entering into force starting with *October 4, 2021, and* shall be part of the bidding document.