

Procurement of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure Geoportal

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list of clarifications requested by Bidders and answers provided by the Purchaser

#	Chapter/Page	Requirement	Query	Answer
1	RFB	Experience and technical capacity states the following 'It should have been in operation for at least 5 years with an important part of its business being the provision of Information Technology (IT) Systems, including software and services.'	If the Bidder is a joint venture, can a JV member that has been less than 5 years in operation be a prime member?	This requirement must be met by all JV partners. Please refer to SECTION III - EVALUATION AND QUALIFICATION CRITERIA, 5.4.1 General Experience, which contains all the criteria that the Purchaser shall use to evaluate Bids and qualify Bidders.
2	RFB	Experience and technical capacity: - The bidder must have demonstrated experience as a prime supplier, management contractor, JV member[1] in conducting: at least one (1) contract within the last three (3) years, with a value equivalent of at least USD 150,000.00, that has been successfully and substantially completed, OR at least two (2) contracts within the last three (3) years, with a cumulative value equivalent of at least USD 200,000.00, that have been successfully and substantially completed, AND at least one (1) contract within the last three (3) years that is similar to the proposed Information System, i.e. Geospatial systems, AND at least one (1) contract within the last three (3) years, developed based on the proposed Open-Source Solution.	Can the Bidder for the required references/experiences use references from all joint venture members who cumulatively fulfill the above requirements?	Please refer to SECTION III - EVALUATION AND QUALIFICATION CRITERIA, 5.4.1 General Experience, which contains all the criteria that the Purchaser shall use to evaluate Bids and qualify Bidders.
3		Parallel with the NSDI Geoportal implementation project there is an open procurement process for 'Consultant to develop national NSDI data standards for priority data themes and data model'	Can the Bidder bid on both procurements or there is some kind of basis for a disqualification?	There are no restrictions on participation as long as the Bidder/Consultant has the required capacity and meets all evaluation criteria under both procurement processes, and if no other restrictions are mentioned in the parallel procurement process you mention.
4		The Bidder should provide audited financial statements and balance sheets for the last three complete financial years demonstrating the soundness of the Bidder's financial position and demonstrating that it has the financial resources necessary to handle the requirements of the proposed Contract	Do annual financial statements and balance sheets produced according to the national Moldovan standards and confirmed by the Financial Statements Service of the National Bureau of Statistics count as audited financial statements?	Yes, they do.

5	RFB	<p>The bidder must have demonstrated experience as a prime supplier, management contractor, JV in conducting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) at least one (1) contract within the last three (3) years, with a value equivalent of at least USD 150,000.00, that has been successfully and substantially completed, OR 2) at least two (2) contracts within the last three (3) years, with a cumulative value equivalent of at least USD 200,000.00, that have been successfully and substantially completed, AND 3) at least one (1) contract within the last three (3) years that is similar to the proposed Information System, i.e. Geospatial systems, AND 4) at least one (1) contract within the last three (3) years, developed based on the proposed Open-Source Solution. 	<p>There are a set of criteria listed on page iii in the Request for bid and later on page 56, the information provided, however is not exactly the same an AND is missing in the second part.</p> <p>This caused some confusion so please confirm that our understanding is correct, that because of the OR connection, as long as criteria 1 is fulfilled we do not need to provide further evidence of the the other three points.</p>	<p><u>The requirement must be read as provided in the RFB.</u></p> <p>This means that the Bidder shall meet either requirement 1 or 2, or both of them, AND requirements 3 and 4.</p> <p>The bidder must have demonstrated experience as a prime supplier, management contractor, JV in conducting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) at least one (1) contract within the last three (3) years, with a value equivalent of at least USD 150,000.00, that has been successfully and substantially completed, OR 2) at least two (2) contracts within the last three (3) years, with a cumulative value equivalent of at least USD 200,000.00, that have been successfully and substantially completed, AND 3) at least one (1) contract within the last three (3) years that is similar to the proposed Information System, i.e. Geospatial systems, AND 4) at least one (1) contract within the last three (3) years, developed based on the proposed Open-Source Solution.
	SECTION III - EVALUATION AND QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	<p>5.4.2 Specific Experience</p> <p>Participation as a prime supplier, management contractor, JV member in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at least one (1) contract within the last three (3) years, with a value equivalent of at least USD 150,000.00, that has been successfully and substantially completed, OR - at least two (2) contracts within the last three (3) years, with a cumulative value of at least USD 200,000.00, that have been successfully and substantially completed, - at least one (1) contract within the last three (3) years that is similar to the proposed Information System, i.e. Geospatial systems, AND - at least one (1) contract within the last three (3) years developed based on the proposed Open Source Solution. <p>The successfully completed similar contracts shall be documented by a copy of an Operational acceptance certificate (or equivalent documentation satisfactory to the Purchaser) issued by the purchaser(s).</p>		
6	Section I, ITB, 20.3	<p>If a Bid Security is specified pursuant to ITB 20.1, the bid security shall be a demand guarantee in any of the following forms at the Bidder's option: (a) an unconditional guarantee issued by a non-bank financial institution (such as an insurance, bonding or surety company); In the case of a bank guarantee, the Bid Security shall be submitted either using the Bid Security Form included in Section IV, Bidding Forms or in another substantially similar format approved by the Purchaser prior to Bid submission.</p>	<p>Would bank's form of bid security be acceptable?</p>	<p>If the Bid security is in another substantially similar format it has to be approved by the Purchaser prior to Bid submission</p>

7	Section II, BDS, C. Preparation of Bids	Language for translation of supporting documents and printed literature is Romanian	If supporting documents and printed literature are in English, do they need to be translated in Romanian? If a formal document is written in some other language other than English, can it be officially translated in English?	<p>In case supporting documents and printed literature are in a language different from English, they shall be translated into ROMANIAN. Such documents in English are acceptable.</p> <p>Please refer to ITB 10.1 10.1. The Bid, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the bid exchanged by the Bidder and the Purchaser, shall be written in the language specified in the BDS. <u>Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the Bid may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in the language specified in the BDS</u>, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Bid, such translation shall govern.</p>
8	Section II, BDS, C. Preparation of Bids Section I, ITB 21.3	-In addition to the original of the Bid, the number of copies is: 1 (one) hard copy, and 1 (one) copy in digital searchable format on a memory device.... - The original and all copies of the Bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by a person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder	Must the copy be only in digital format or paper printed?	the Bidders must submit 2 copies of their bid - one in hard copy and another one in electronic format. So, the submitted bid shall contain an original, a copy and a memory device with electronic copy of the bid
9	Request for bid, ITB, BDS	Additional experts: • Programming Expert • System administration/Network/Security Expert • Documentation Expert • Database Expert • Web/Graphic designer and developer	Do we need to submit filled Candidate Summary forms and signed Code of conducts for additional experts as well, or just for key experts? If not, how do we prove their experience.	the Candidate Summary forms and Code of conduct are only required for the key experts. A confirmation of additionally required expertise shall be confirmed by the Bidder.