



## INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Date: **09 July 2013**

**Country:** Republic of Moldova

**Description of the assignment:** National Consultant to assist the team of international consultants for the mid-term review of the International Electoral Assistance provided through 2008-2012 to the Central Electoral Commission of Moldova

**Project name:** Democracy Programme/Elections

**Period of assignment/services:** 01 August – 16 September 2013, 31 working days

Proposals should be submitted online by pressing the "Apply Online" no later than 22 July 2013

Requests for **clarification only** must be sent by standard electronic communication to the following e-mail: [beatricia.revenco@undp.org](mailto:beatricia.revenco@undp.org). UNDP will respond by standard electronic mail and will send written copies of the response, including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of inquiry, to all applicants.

### 1. BACKGROUND

The Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova (hereinafter called CEC) is a permanent and independent state body, managing the electoral process in Moldova, consisting of nine members. One member is appointed by the President of Moldova, the other 8 members are appointed by Parliament, considering the principle of the proportional representation of elected majority and its opposition. The CEC is assisted and supported by an Apparatus (secretariat).

The aim of the Electoral Support to Moldova (ESM) Project was to support the CEC in designing and delivering electoral services that can increase citizens' trust in the electoral system and in electoral outcomes. In 2008-2010 ESM provided technical assistance to the Central Electoral Commission (CEC) and other stakeholders (NGOs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the former Parliamentary Commission on amendment of the Electoral Code); 2011 and 2012 the Project focused on CEC only.

The ESM Project was during its first years financed by the European Union, the Moldovan Government, the UN Trust Fund for Electoral Assistance and UNDP and implemented by UNDP. The activities related to Out of Country Voting component were coordinated and financed by ESM Project and implemented by the International Organization for Migration.

In June 2012 a new Project, Improving the Quality of Moldovan Democracy through electoral and parliamentary support ('the Democracy Programme') commenced, combining support to both the CEC and the Parliament of Moldova. The programme focuses on strengthening the institutional capacity of the CEC, entrenching gender and human rights considerations in the formal political process, further

development of an enabling environment for the delivery of modern and inclusive electoral services. The electoral component of the Democracy Programme is funded by the Government of Sweden.

## **USAID**

Starting June 2008, International Foundation for Electoral Support (IFES) has been assisting CEC, through an elections administration component of the Strengthening Democratic Political Activism (SDPA) program. IFES was designed to strengthen electoral administration and transparency ahead of the 2009 parliamentary elections. Since 2010, USAID assistance through the Moldovan Electoral Administration Capacity Development Programme focused on support of appropriate authorities and institutions in Moldova in their effort to configure an efficient system for voter registration; building of administrative, operational, management and professional capacity of election bodies at local level; foster of public trust in electoral processes; promotion and supporting reform in financing political parties. The activities of the programme were expected to address the long-term capacity challenges of election administration to contribute as a result to sustainably transparent, efficient and democratic electoral process.

## **Other actors**

At various times, especially in response to the electoral events of 2009 (2 parliamentary elections within 4 months), other international actors supported the CEC. The most notable of these actors were the Council of Europe, IOM, OSCE-ODIHR and the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

## **2. SCOPE OF WORK, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ANALYTICAL WORK**

The Programme intends to contract a National Consultant to provide the necessary local support to 2 (two) international consultants assigned to provide a holistic, impartial and trustworthy review of the electoral assistance to CEC, in accordance with the Terms of Reference for the review (Annex 3).

For detailed information, please refer to Annex 1 – Terms of Reference.

## **3. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- I. Academic Qualifications:
  - Masters degree in Law, Public Administration, International development or related fields; Bachelor and at least 5 years of relevant experience will be also acceptable.
- II. Years of experience:
  - At least 2 years of relevant working experience/participation in the review, evaluation and assessment of the development of projects and/or programmes;
  - Previous work experience in democratic governance, public administration, development or other related areas;
- III. Competencies:
  - Familiarity with the national context (legal and policy framework) related to the areas of assignment concern;
  - Good interpersonal skills, self-starter and results-oriented;
  - Ability to analyse, plan, manage diversity of views, adapt to different environments (cultural, economic, political and social);
  - Fluency in English, Romanian and Russian languages

## **4. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS**

Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their qualifications:

1. Proposal:
  - (i) Explaining why they are the most suitable for the work;
  - (ii) Provide a brief methodology on how they will approach and conduct the work (if applicable);
2. Financial proposal;
3. Personal CV including past experience in similar projects and at least 3 references and duly completed P11 form.

## 5. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The financial proposal shall specify a total lump sum amount, and payment terms around specific and measurable (qualitative and quantitative) deliverables (i.e. whether payments fall in installments or upon completion of the entire contract). Payments are based upon output, i.e. upon delivery of the services specified in the TOR. In order to assist the requesting unit in the comparison of financial proposals, the financial proposal will include a breakdown of this lump sum amount (including travel, per diems, and number of anticipated working days).

## TRAVEL

All envisaged travel costs must be included in the financial proposal. This includes all travel to join duty station/repatriation travel. In general, UNDP should not accept travel costs exceeding those of an economy class ticket. Should the IC wish to travel on a higher class he/she should do so using their own resources.

In the case of unforeseeable travel, payment of travel costs including tickets, lodging and terminal expenses should be agreed upon, between the respective business unit and Individual Consultant, prior to travel and will be reimbursed.

## 6. EVALUATION

Initially, individual consultants will be short-listed based on the following minimum qualification criteria:

- Masters degree in Law, Public Administration, International development or related fields; Bachelor and at least 5 years of relevant experience will be also acceptable;
- At least 2 years of relevant working experience/participation in the review, evaluation and assessment of the development of projects and/or programmes;

The short-listed individual consultants will be further evaluated based on the following methodology:

### Cumulative analysis

The award of the contract shall be made to the individual consultant whose offer has been evaluated and determined as:

- a) responsive/compliant/acceptable, and
- b) having received the highest score out of a pre-determined set of weighted technical and financial criteria specific to the solicitation.

\* Technical Criteria weight – 60% (300 pts);

\* Financial Criteria weight – 40% (200 pts).

Only candidates obtaining a minimum of 210 points would be considered for the Financial Evaluation.

Criteria	Scoring	Maximum Points Obtainable
<b>Technical</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masters degree in Law, Public Administration, International development or related fields; Bachelor and at least 5 years of relevant</li> </ul>	(under-Master's – 10 pts, Master's – 20 pts; PhD -25)	25

experience will be also acceptable;		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 2 years of relevant working experience/participation in the review, evaluation and assessment of the development of projects and/or programmes;</li> </ul>	(2 years – 40 pts, each additional year– 10 pts, up to 80 pts)	80
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previous work experience in democratic governance, public administration, development or other related areas;</li> </ul>	(each year of such work – 10 pts, up to 50 pts)	50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Familiarity with the national context (legal and policy framework) related to the Electoral System in Republic of Moldova</li> </ul>	(no – 0, yes – up to 20 pts.)	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to analyse, plan, manage diversity of views, adapt to different environments (cultural, economic, political and social);</li> </ul>	(no – 0, yes – up to 20 pts.)	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fluency in English, Romanian and Russian languages;</li> </ul>	(Romanian and Russian – 10 pts; English – 10 pts)	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interview (demonstrated technical knowledge and experience; communication/ interpersonal skills; creativity/ resourcefulness)</li> </ul>	60 – demonstrated technical knowledge and experience; 15 – communication/ interpersonal skills; 10 – creativity/resourcefulness)	85
<b>Maximum Total Technical Scoring</b>		<b>300</b>
<b>Financial</b>		
Evaluation of submitted financial offers will be done based on the following formula: <b><math>S = F_{min} / F * 200</math></b> S – score received on financial evaluation; Fmin – the lowest financial offer out of all the submitted offers qualified over the technical evaluation round; F – financial offer under consideration.		<b>200</b>

#### Winning candidate

The winning candidate will be the candidate, who has accumulated the highest aggregated score (technical scoring + financial scoring).

#### **ANNEXES:**

##### **ANNEX 1 – TERMS OF REFERENCES (TOR)**

##### **ANNEX 2 – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

##### **ANNEX 3– TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE REVIEW**