REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

Support to the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization

in the field of SME Internationalization and Market Access

World Bank Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Competitiveness Project

**REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

**MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES COMPETITIVENESS PROJECT**

Sector: General industry and trade sector

IDA Credit No. 71740

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The Republic of Moldova has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Competitiveness Project (MSME) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include support and effective coordination of activities between MEDD and government authorities, private sector associations, donors, IFIs and other stakeholders as necessary to facilitate SME development.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.

The Project Implementation Unit of the MSME Competitiveness Project now invites **eligible individual local consultants** (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The evaluation/shortlisted criteria are:

* Master degree in economics (general economics or finance departments).
* Good knowledge of the economic sectors of Moldova and their needs, reflected by having a minimum of 7 years of practical experience in working in or with the private sector in Moldova and international organisations.
* Minimum of 5 years of experience in providing advisory services and analytical work to public authorities of Moldova on SME and private sector development.
* Experience developing and/or implementing tools and/or programs to support enterprise development in Moldova.
* Knowledge of the national and international regulations, including institutional, legal and policy frameworks, in the field of SME growth.
* Experience of the development of analytical reports.
* Strong communication and teamwork skills.
* Fluency in Romanian and English. Computer proficiency, i.e. MS Office word, Excel, Power Point, etc.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the „Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants” method set out in the Procurement Regulations and to be specifically set out in the Request for submission of the technical and financial proposal.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours.

The applications should include a letter of Expression of Interest, CV, and related recommendation letters, if any, together with a **copy of CV in MS WORD format**.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **October 07**, **2025**, COBD**, indicating the assignment title in subject line.**

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