**CLARIFICATION NO. 1**

Issued on date: October 20, 2020

## To the Request for expression of interest (REOI) for the procurement of Consultant Services Technical Assistance for developing systems for Local Roads Management in North Macedonia

## Ref. No.: LRCP-9034-MK-REOI-A.1.1.4

Dear Sir/Madame,

With reference to the questions raised by the prospective Consultant and pursuant to the issued REOI for the above stated subject, please find enclosed the Clarification Table no. 1 with questions and answers.

Yours sincerely,

**Harita Pandovska**

Project Director

***Attachment: Clarification Table no. 1***

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|  | ***CLARIFICATION TABLE no. 1*** |  |  |  |  |
| **No. of Question** | **Question** | **Reference in the REOI/TOR** | **No. of Ans wer** | **Answer** | **Clarification or Amendment** |
| 1 | Our company is following this opportunity and following the instructions to contact you for any clarification, we kindly address those couple of questions:  1. We are in contact with some local potential partners who have already done design of local roads for Municipalities via World Bank contracts. In this regard, we were wondering if such companies are eligible or present a conflict of interest to be our partner. Can you kindly clarify?  2. Due to our previous experience, tenders in Macedonia usually request for engineering companies to have license A for designing and/or supervision of such project. Are you requesting the same for this tender .  3. This tender LRCP-9034-MK–REoI-A.1.1.4 seems quite similar to another tender published just on Macedonian language LRCP-9034-MK–REoI-A.1.1.1. (Technical advisor to develop multi annual investment and maintenance program - Pipeline of municipal projects, and training to the municipal staff on sustainable multi annual infrastructure projects planning for investment and maintenance).  a. Can you please clarify differences between both projects.  b. Being just published in Macedonian, are you considering that one to be performed by local companies. | REOI - Shortlisting selection criteria.  TOR - Item 5. Company profile and qualification criteria | 1 | **Please take into consideration the following:**   1. Potential conflict of interest may occur under the Task.1. Project Management and Task 2. Institutional Strengthening – Engineering.   Conflict of interest may occure in case the Bidder (single entity/JV/Key expert) has to perform monitoring and evaluation (subject of Tasks 1 and Task 2) on the design or design review prepared by the same single entity/JV/Key expert.  Please refer to paragraph 3.16 and 3.17 „Conflict of Interest“ and pararagraph 3.18 „Unfair Competitive Advantage“ of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” dated July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 (“Procurement Regulations”),<http://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/178331533065871195/Procurement-Regulations.pdf>   1. License for designing and/or supervision of buildings of the first/second category issued by the Chamber of Authorized Architects of the Republic of North Macedonia or Certificate of a foreign legal entity **is not a requirement** **for this procedure**. 2. **N/A.** The question referes to the procedure LRCP-9034-MK–REoI-A.1.1.1.(Technical advisor to develop multi annual investment and maintenance program - Pipeline of municipal projects, and training to the municipal staff on sustainable multi annual infrastructure projects planning for investment and maintenance).   a) N/A. (Please refer to the detailed Terms of Reference published at the website of the national electronic system for procurement: “ЕСЈН-Заеми/Донации/Грантови-Огласи од меѓународни институции” (https://www.e-nabavki.gov.mk) and from the website of the Ministry of Transport and Communications: http://mtc.gov.mk/javniOglasi. The deadline for submitting EoIs was October 13 2020.)  b) N/A. (Please note that the above mentioned procedure LRCP-9034-MK–REoI-A1.1.1 is published as National Competitive Procedure. Foreign companies can submit EoIs in Macedonian or English language. | **Clarification** |
| 2 | Regarding to the announced procurement request for expression of interest no.LRCP-9034-MK–REoI-A.1.1.4 entitled Technical Assistance for developing systems for Local Roads Management in North Macedonia, the announcement requires the following criteria to be met “Proven expertise in assignment of similar nature, scope and value, at least three (3) similar project references within last ten (10) years”.  Regarding the above criterion, please provide information which value will be considered appropriate? |  | 2 | **Similar value** can be considered as acceptable if the project reference/assignment is of a minimum value of 1 (one) milion EUR. |  |
| 3 | We are considering submitting an EOI for the Local Roads Connectivity Project - LRCP-9034-MK–REoI-A.1.1.4  As per the Request for Expression of Interest notice, can you please provide any further information and the Terms of Reference for this opportunity? |  | 3 | The Terms of References in English language may be obtained by interested eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) from the website of the national electronic system for procurement: “ЕСЈН-Заеми/Донации/Грантови-Огласи од меѓународни институции” ([https://www.e-nabavki.gov.mk](https://webmail.t.mk/cp/ps/Mail/ExternalURLProxy?d=t.mk&u=tejumi&url=https://www.e-nabavki.gov.mk&urlHash=-1.1261282751824486E-304#_blank)) and from the website of the Ministry of Transport and Communications: <http://mtc.gov.mk/javniOglasi>. |  |
| 4 | In accordance with the REoI of the “Technical Assistance for Developing systems for Local Roads Management in North Macedonia” assignment marked by RFP NO. LRCP-9034-MK-REoI-A.1.1.4 issued on 5th October 2020, as eligible consultant, we kindly require further information of the above mentioned assignment. Moreover, can you please provide the standard forms for the submission of the EOI? |  | 4 | When you submit your EoI, please refer to the requirements as listed in published REoI. |  |