

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)**

**Republic of Moldova**  
**Moldova Education Reform Project (MERP)**  
Credit No. 5196-MD

**Assignment Title:** determining of the list of goods and technical specifications for teaching/learning materials and equipment for students with disabilities and/or special educational needs.

**Reference No.** (as per Procurement Plan): IC-18

The Ministry of Education, Culture and Research (MoECR) has received financing from the World Bank Group toward the cost of the Moldova Education Reform Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for individual consulting services.

The objective of the assignment is to determine the list of adaptive (compensatory) equipment and assistive technologies, teaching/learning equipment and materials for children with disabilities and or/special educational needs to be procured and to develop technical specifications for initiating the procurement procedure of these goods.

The MoECR now invites eligible Individual 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 shortlisting criteria are:

- (i) General experience (30 points):
  - University degree in pedagogy, psychology, social assistance or related field.
  - At least 5 years of consulting experience in the relevant areas.
  
- (ii) Adequacy for Project (40 points):
  - Proven experience in developing technical specifications for adaptive equipment and assistive technologies, teaching/learning equipment for children with disabilities and or/special educational needs.
  - Experience in teaching to children with disabilities and or/special educational needs, such as visual impairment, hearing impairment, mental deficiency, reduced mobility, etc.
  - Knowledge of the international market for adaptive equipment and assistive technologies, teaching/learning equipment for children with disabilities and or/special educational needs. Capacity to identify trends and best practices in this market.
  - Knowledge of the Moldavian education system and context would be an asset.
  - At least two similar assignments carried out.
  - Previous experience in collaborating with relevant ministries, institutions and civil society.
  
- (iii) Language and Experience (30 points):
  - Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

- Excellent organizational, planning and analytical skills.
- Ability to work to meet deadlines in a fast-moving environment.
- Excellent spoken and written English skills;
- Good command of the Romanian or Russian language would be an asset;
- Excellent computer skills in the complete Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011, revised July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultants selection method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09 00 to 17 00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **August 28, 2018 16:00 o'clock, Moldova local time**.

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