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#### ASSIGNMENT OVERVIEW

**Assignment Title:** Private and Financial Sector Consultant, Moldova Country Office

**Assignment Countries:** Moldova

#### ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

The World Bank is recruiting for a Private and Financial Sector Consultant to be the primary team member for the Bank's Trade & Competitiveness (T&C) and Finance & Markets (F&M) work in the Moldova Country office in Chisinau. The Consultant will report to T&C and F&M Task Team Leaders (currently based in Washington, DC) and will collaborate with other team members in the Country Office in Chisinau, including staff of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Country Manager, and others as required.

The Consultant's overall responsibilities are:

- Serve as a key team member in the Trade & Competitiveness (T&C) and Finance & Markets (F&M) practices operations in Moldova, including investment lending, technical assistance, and development policy lending, as well as analytical and non-lending technical assistance work in the T&C and F&M practices.
- Liaise with clients and counterparts on project implementation, design of reforms, and status of reform approval and implementation. Clients and counterparts include, but are not limited to, senior level officials (Minister, Governor, Chairman level) and their technical staff in the Ministry of Economy and its Project Implementation Unit, Ministry of Finance, National Bank of Moldova, National Commission of Financial Markets, National Commission on Financial Stability, and other relevant state agencies (Competition Council, Licensing Chamber, National Agency for Consumer Protection, etc.).
- Monitor, analyze, and regularly report on country developments, policy issues, and political economy factors that affect private and financial sector development. Provide advice to T&C and F&M Task Team Leaders, Practice Managers, Country Manager, and the Program Leader, on these issues and how the World Bank Group should respond.
- Author sections of, and provide other written inputs into, technical documents (project documents, policy notes, outputs of analytical and advisory/AAA work, etc.). Review and correct Romanian translations of technical documents when necessary.
- Maintain, and strengthen when necessary, dialogue with country counterparts and stakeholders, including representatives of government authorities, business organizations, enterprises, banks, and other donors. Facilitate public-private dialogue on relevant issues.
- Monitor activities and implementation arrangements, resolve immediate problems, and take action to help ensure that T&Cs and F&Ms operations are implemented smoothly.
- Actively participate in T&C and F&M team visits (missions), and author or contribute to mission and project-related reports.
- Collaborate with other WBG colleagues as required on financial and private sector development issues, including IFC, Macro & Fiscal, and others as appropriate.

This includes, but is not limited to, the following specific tasks related to the FY15 portfolio:

#### Trade & Competitiveness

##### CEP II Implementation:

- Serve as the key Moldova-based team member for project implementation support. This includes, but is not limited to, liaison with the client, planning support, information gathering, and document drafting.
- Monitor activities and implementation arrangements, resolve immediate problems, and take action to help ensure that the project and the recipient-executed project preparation grant (active through approx. January 2015) are implemented smoothly.

##### Development Policy Operation (DPO) Series:

- Serve as the key Moldova-based private sector team member for preparation and implementation. This includes, but is not limited to: identifying and discussing prior actions, triggers and milestones with Moldovan authorities; following up on authorities progress implementing or reaching these actions, triggers and milestones; monitoring developments related to them; developing results framework and indicators; and drafting sections of loan documents.
- Serve as the main Moldova-based contact between the T&C team and Macro & Fiscal on private sector components.

##### Moldova Trade Study:

- Support the value chain analysis that will be conducted under the trade study (analytical task) ongoing through approx. March 2015.

#### Finance & Markets

##### Financial Sector:

- Serve as the key Moldova-based team member for Financial Sector Monitoring and Technical Assistance, including providing written technical inputs on key developments on banking sector, banking sector governance, and related issues.
- Serve as the key Moldova-based team member for Secured Transactions Reform, by participating in discussions with the working group on amendments to the Pledge Law and providing inputs to the expert on collateral registry.
- Serve as the key Moldova-based team member for Capital Markets Reform, by participating in discussions with the working group on amendments to the Capital Markets Law and providing inputs to the expert on a central securities depository.
- Serve as the key Moldova-based team member for additional financial sector activities, which may include but not necessarily be limited to post-FSAP TA.

##### DPO Preparation:

- Serve as the key Moldova-based financial sector team member for preparation and implementation. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to: identifying and discussing prior actions, triggers and milestones with Moldovan authorities; following up on authorities progress implementing or reaching these actions, triggers and milestones; monitoring developments related to them; developing results framework and indicators; and drafting sections of loan documents.
- Serve as the main Moldova-based contact between the F&M team and PREM on financial sector components.

#### Key Qualifications

- A Master's degree in economics, business, development, finance, law, or relevant field.
- A minimum of 5 years of experience in private and/or financial sector development-related issues.
- Sound knowledge of private sector development issues, financial sector issues, and a good understanding of Moldova's economy and recent trends.
- Demonstrated ability to objectively analyze and make recommendations regarding private and financial sector issues in Moldova.
- Familiarity with, and demonstrated ability to build and maintain relationships with, key government and private sector stakeholders.
- Experience working for a development finance institution or other international donor organization.
- Ability to work independently, with remote supervision; proactive, takes initiative.
- Full commitment to deadlines.
- Excellent writing and communication skills in English and Romanian.

Interested candidates should submit their CVs and a personal statement of 700 words or less through the World Bank eConsultant2 system, selection number 116056, by COB Thursday, October 9, 2014. Interviews are scheduled to be held in Chisinau the week of October 13.

From November 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, the contract will have a duration of 100 days, which may be extended for up to 50 additional days based on the consultant's performance and business needs. They contract may be renewed for subsequent Fiscal Years, based on the Consultant's performance and business needs.

#### FUNDING SOURCE

The World Bank intends to finance the assignment / services described below under the following trust fund(s):

- BANK BUDGET
- ELIGIBILITY
- INDIVIDUAL/FIRM PROFILE

The consultant will be an individual.

#### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The World Bank now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (CV and cover letter for individuals). Please note that the total size of all attachments should be less than 5MB.

Interested consultants are hereby invited to submit expressions of interest.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted, in English, electronically through World Bank Group eConsultant2 (<https://wbgeconsult2.worldbank.org/wbgec/index.html>).