

Date: October 15, 2025

To: **All Bidders**

From: **International Development Law Organization, Headquarters Procurement Unit**

Subject:

**Amendment and Clarification Letter No: 2**

Reference is made to IDLO RFP No. HQ-2025-000178 issued on **September 23, 2025** for the **implementation and support for the "e-Integrity" information platform for National Integrity Authority** through IDLO Tenders website.

This is additionally to inform you that, in order to grant additional time to all Bidders, the Bid Submission Deadline has been extended until:

**Date: November 11, 2025**

**Time: 15:00 hours Rome, Italy local time.**

Please also find hereunder the queries received and IDLO's response to them.

1. **While reviewing the tender documentation, we noted the following eligibility condition: "The eligible bidder shall not have any litigation in court regarding its activity or its relations with clients or partners."**

**We kindly request an official clarification on whether the existence of ongoing court cases automatically disqualifies a bidder, or if companies involved in standard commercial disputes — that do not affect their solvency or integrity — remain eligible. We are currently involved in two such cases, both arising from normal business activities:**

- **One case, where we also act as claimant in a counterclaim to recover an X amount for duly delivered services;**
- **A second case where the examination on the merits has not yet begun.**

**Despite these proceedings, we continue to work with the same beneficiary under a new contract for the development of the Automated Information System.**

**We emphasize that litigation is a normal element of legitimate business activity and should not, in itself, constitute grounds for exclusion. We therefore ask for a clear confirmation on whether we may be considered eligible to participate.**

**IDLO REPLY:**

The tender documentation specifies that "The eligible bidder shall not have any litigation in court regarding its activity or its relations with clients or partners."

In the present case, the company is currently a defendant in ongoing legal proceedings and has filed a counterclaim. As no final court decision has been issued, the existence of these proceedings constitutes a disqualifying factor under the tender eligibility requirements.

Accordingly, the company does not meet the eligibility criteria to participate in the tender.

2. The tender documentation specifies under requirement IMP-06-04 (Project Manager Qualifications) the following minimum conditions for the Project Manager: “Relevant studies in informatics, information technologies, cybernetics, or information security; at least 5 years of experience in managing ICT projects of similar complexity, including at least 2 years as an employee of the bidder; at least 2 projects managed in the governmental sector during the last three years; proven analytical, leadership, and interpersonal skills, including experience in business process analysis and multilateral coordination; certification in project management methodology (e.g., PMP, Agile, Prince2) represents an advantage; client references will represent an advantage; fluent knowledge of Romanian; availability to be involved in the project full-time.”

We kindly request confirmation whether a candidate who fully satisfies all the above conditions, with the sole exception of holding a university degree in management instead of informatics or related fields, but who has extensive expertise and over 10 years of professional experience in the digitalization of the public sector, would still be considered eligible under this requirement

**IDLO REPLY:**

A Project Manager’s university degree in the field of management is **not an obstacle** to your participation in the tender.

3. Referring to the RFP statement, “If the contractor is a representative of a non-Moldovan company, the local representative must have been a resident of Moldova for at least 3 years, and the parent company must have at least 7 years of experience in software development,” could you please confirm whether a non-Moldovan company forming a consortium with a Moldovan company is eligible to participate?

**IDLO REPLY:**

Yes, a consortium between a foreign company and a Moldovan company is **acceptable**. It is important that each company meets the requirements.

4. The annex to the RFP containing the main system requirements appears to be in Moldovan. Could you please provide an English version of this document, if available?

**IDLO REPLY:**

The Annex to the RFP is available exclusively in Romanian. While you may use machine translation for reference, please note that **the Romanian version is the sole official and legally binding version** of the document.

5. Please confirm that the proposal must be submitted in English, as the main RFP document is provided in English.

**IDLO REPLY:**

Yes, the proposal must be submitted **in English**.

6. **Could you please clarify whether bidders are expected to refer directly to the detailed requirements listed in the annex?**

**IDLO REPLY:**

Yes, bidders must respond to **each requirement**. We expect detailed answers and explanations, not just positive confirmations.

7. **If such detailed response is required and given that the annex to the RFP is quite extensive, we would kindly request an extension to ensure the submission of a comprehensive and high-quality proposal.**

**IDLO REPLY:**

IDLO is interested in ensuring the high quality of bidders' proposals. We will extend the submission deadline by 7 days (until **November 11, 2025**), expecting that this will allow **all bidders** to further improve their proposals.

For your consideration while preparing your response to the above mentioned **RFP No. HQ-2025-000178**. All other terms and conditions of the tender remain unchanged and remain applicable in full force.

We appreciate your continuous interest with IDLO and looking forward to receiving your valued offer.

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