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## **SUPPLY CONTRACT NOTICE**

### **Supply contract for general ICT network**

**Location – Republic of Serbia**

**1. Publication reference**

EuropeAid/138039/IH/SUP/RS

**2. Procedure**

Open

**3. Programme title**

National programme for Serbia under the IPA – Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for the year 2013

**4. Financing**

Financing agreement

**5. Contracting authority**

The Government of the Republic of Serbia, represented by the Ministry of Finance, Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programmes (CFCU), Belgrade, Serbia

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## **CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS**

**6. Description of the contract**

The purpose of this contract is to ensure sustainability and preservation of Serbian Customs Administration's communication infrastructure through supply of the equipment necessary to sustain the network that will be able to support new systems. This will include purchase of the general ICT network equipment necessary for enabling the functionality of the existing network; delivery, unloading configuration, installation and integration of that equipment into customer's network, testing and organization of trainings for the SCA staff in order to make them capable of operating with the new equipment.

**7. Number and titles of lots**

One lot only

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## **TERMS OF PARTICIPATION**

**8. Eligibility and rules of origin**

Participation is open to all legal persons (participating either individually or in a grouping – consortium - of tenderers) which are established in a Member State of the European Union or

in a country or territory of the regions covered and/or authorised by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed (see item 22 below). All goods supplied under this contract must originate in one or more of these countries. Participation is also open to international organisations. Participation of natural persons is directly governed by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed.

#### **9. Grounds for exclusion**

Tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the Tender Form for a Supply Contract, to the effect that they are not in any of the situations listed in point 2.3.3 of the Practical Guide.

#### **10. Number of tenders**

Tenderers may submit only one tender per lot. Tenders for parts of a lot will not be considered. Any tenderer may state in its tender that it would offer a discount in the event that its tender is accepted for more than one lot. Tenderers may not submit a tender for a variant solution in addition to their tender for the supplies required in the tender dossier.

#### **11. Tender guarantee**

Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee of EUR 9.000 when submitting their tender. This guarantee will be released to unsuccessful tenderers once the tender procedure has been completed and to the successful tenderer upon signature of the contract by all parties. This guarantee will be called upon if the tenderer does not fulfil all obligations stated in its tender.

#### **12. Performance guarantee**

The successful tenderer will be asked to provide a performance guarantee of 10% of the amount of the contract at the signing of the contract. This guarantee must be provided together with the return of the countersigned contract no later than 30 days after the tenderer receives the contract signed by the Contracting Authority. If the selected tenderer fails to provide such a guarantee within this period, the contract will be void and a new contract may be drawn up and sent to the tenderer which has submitted the next cheapest compliant tender.

#### **13. Information meeting and/or site visit**

No information meeting is planned.

#### **14. Tender validity**

Tenders must remain valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline for submission of tenders. In exceptional circumstances, the Contracting Authority may, before the validity period expires, request that tenderers extend the validity of tenders for a specific period (see para 8.2 of the instructions to tenderers).

#### **15. Period of implementation of tasks**

The period of implementation of tasks shall be 90 calendar days from the commencement date until the provisional acceptance.

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### **SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA**

#### **16. Selection criteria**

The following selection criteria will be applied to tenderers. In the case of tenders submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole unless specified otherwise. The selection criteria will not be applied to natural persons and single-member companies when they are sub-contractors.

- 1) Economic and financial capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. item 3 of the Tender Form for a Supply Contract). In case of tenderer being a public body, equivalent information should be provided. The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years for which accounts have been closed.
  - a) The average annual turnover of the tenderer for the last three years must be at least equal to the amount of the submitted proposal.
  - b) Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed must be at least 1. In case of a consortium, this criterion must be fulfilled by each member.
- 2) Professional capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. items 4 and 5 of the Tender Form for a Supply Contract). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last 5 years from submission deadline.
  - a) It is necessary that tenderer has a highest level of partnership with a vendor whose solution is providing, valid on territory of Serbia;
  - b) it is necessary that tenderer has at least two certified engineers permanently employed with the highest level of vendor certification covering the technologies which are in the scope of project (Routing&Switching and Security). The minimum is one engineer having the highest level of Routing&Switching vendor certificate and one engineer having the highest level of Security vendor certificate.
- 3) Technical capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. items 5 and 6 of the Tender Form for a Supply Contract). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last 5 years from submission deadline.
  - a) The tenderer has delivered supplies under at least two contracts (where the tenderer's proportion was greater than 50 % of the submitted offer) with a budget of at least that of his/her financial offer for this tender in the field related to this contract (Enterprise Routing and Switching and/or Security Projects).

This means that the contract the tenderer refers to could have been started or completed at any time during the indicated period but it does not necessarily have to be started and completed during that period, nor implemented during the entire period. Tenderers are allowed to refer either to projects completed within the reference period (although started earlier) or to projects not yet completed. In the first case the project will be considered in its whole if proper evidence of performance is provided (statement or certificate from the entity which awarded the contract, final acceptance). In case of projects still on-going only the portion satisfactorily completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. This portion will have to be supported by documentary evidence (similarly to projects completed) also detailing its value.

Capacity-providing entities

An economic operator may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them. Some examples of when it may not be considered appropriate by the Contracting Authority are when the tenderer relies in majority on the capacities of other entities or when they rely on key criteria. If the tenderer relies on other entities it must prove to the Contracting Authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for performance of the contract, for example by producing a commitment on the part of those entities to place those resources at its disposal. Such entities, for instance the parent company of the economic operator, must respect the same rules of eligibility and notably that of nationality, as the economic operator. Furthermore, the data for this third entity for the relevant selection criterion should be included in the tender in a separate document. Proof of the capacity will also have to be furnished when requested by the Contracting Authority.

With regard to technical and professional criteria, a tenderer may only rely on the capacities of other entities where the latter will perform the tasks for which these capacities are required.

With regard to economic and financial criteria, the entities upon whose capacity the tenderer relies, become jointly and severally liable for the performance of the contract.

## **17. Award criteria**

Price

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# **TENDERING**

## **18. How to obtain the tender dossier**

The tender dossier is available from the following Internet address: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>. The tender dossier is also available from the Contracting Authority. Tenders must be submitted using the standard Tender Form for a Supply Contract included in the tender dossier, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed.

Tenderers with questions regarding this tender should send them in writing to:

Ministry of Finance

Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programmes (CFCU)

Division for Tender Preparation and Contracting Management

3-5 Sremska Street, VII floor, office 701

11000 Belgrade, Republic of Serbia

E-mail: [cfcu.questions@mfin.gov.rs](mailto:cfcu.questions@mfin.gov.rs)

(mentioning the publication reference shown in item 1) at least 21 days before the deadline for submission of tenders given in item 19. The Contracting Authority must reply to all tenderers' questions at least 11 days before the deadline for submission of tenders. Eventual clarifications or minor changes to the tender dossier shall be published at the latest 11 days before the submission deadline on the EuropeAid website at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

## **19. Deadline for submission of tenders**

30 May 2017 at 12:00 hours Central European Time (CET)

Any tender received by the Contracting Authority after this deadline will not be considered.

**20. Tender opening session**

30 May 2017 at 14:00 hours (CET) at the premises of the Ministry of Finance, Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programmes (CFCU), Sremska 3-5 St, Belgrade, 11000 Republic of Serbia.

**21. Language of the procedure**

All written communications for this tender procedure and contract must be in English.

**22. Legal basis<sup>1</sup>**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17.7.2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) – OJL 210/82 of 31/07/2006.

**23. Additional information**

Opening hours of the Contracting Authority for the submission of tenders: 08:30 – 15:00 CET.

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<sup>1</sup> Please state any specificity that might have an impact on rules on participation (such as geographic or thematic or long/short term).

