

## SERVICE CONTRACT NOTICE

### Supervision and Environmental Monitoring of River Training and Dredging Works on Critical Sectors on The Danube River

Location - Serbia

**1. Publication reference**

EuropeAid/135642/IH/SER/RS

**2. Procedure**

Restricted

**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)

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## CONTRACT SPECIFICATION

**6. Nature of contract**

Fee-based (supervision component) and global price (environment monitoring component)

**7. Contract description**

The purpose of this contract is to provide technical assistance services during construction and implementation of the river training and dredging works on the Danube river stretch in the Republic of Serbia on six critical sectors ( from km 1287 to km 1195) resulting in Performance certificate. Technical assistance services shall cover two components: supervision of hydraulic engineering works and environmental monitoring. Service contractor shall undertake the role of the Engineer as specified in the FIDIC conditions of contract (Conditions of Contract for Construction for Building and Engineering Works Designed by Employer) and assist the Contracting Authority with coordination, supervision and project and site management of works contract. Environmental monitoring services shall comprise monitoring and evaluation of the effects of river training and dredging works on the environment and proposal of the compensation measures.

**8. Number and titles of lots**

One lot only

## **9. Maximum budget**

EUR 2,000,000

## **10. Scope for additional services**

The Contracting Authority may, at its own discretion, extend the project in duration and/or scope subject to the availability of funding up to a maximum not exceeding the length and value of the initial contract . Any extension of the contract would be subject to satisfactory performance by the Contractor.

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# **CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

## **11. Eligibility**

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 29 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.

## **12. Candidature**

All eligible natural and legal persons (as per item 11 above) or groupings of such persons (consortia) may apply.

A consortium may be a permanent, legally-established grouping or a grouping which has been constituted informally for a specific tender procedure. All members of a consortium (i.e., the leader and all other members) are jointly and severally liable to the Contracting Authority.

The participation of an ineligible natural or legal person (as per item 11) will result in the automatic exclusion of that person. In particular, if that ineligible person belongs to a consortium, the whole consortium will be excluded.

## **13. Number of applications**

No more than one application can be submitted by a natural or legal person whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or member of a consortium submitting an application). In the event that a natural or legal person submits more than one application, all applications in which that person has participated will be excluded.

## **14. Shortlist alliances prohibited**

Any tenders received from tenderers comprising firms other than those mentioned in the short-listed application forms will be excluded from this restricted tender procedure unless prior approval from the Contracting Authority has been obtained (see Practical Guide – PRAG- 2.4.3.). Short-listed candidates may not form alliances or subcontract to each other for the contract in question.

## **15. Grounds for exclusion**

As part of the application form, candidates must submit a signed declaration, included in the

standard application form, to the effect that they are not in any of the exclusion situations listed in Section 2.3.3 of the PRAG

#### **16. Sub-contracting**

Subcontracting is allowed up to 15% of the contract value.

#### **17. Number of candidates to be short-listed**

On the basis of the applications received, between 4 and 8 candidates will be invited to submit detailed tenders for this contract. If the number of eligible candidates meeting the selection criteria is less than the minimum of 4, the Contracting Authority may invite the candidates who satisfy the criteria to submit a tender.

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### **PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

#### **18. Provisional date of invitation to tender**

April 2015

#### **19. Provisional commencement date of the contract**

October 2015

#### **20. Initial period of implementation of tasks**

36 months

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### **SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA**

#### **21. Selection criteria**

Same criteria for legal and natural person

The following selection criteria will be applied to candidates. In the case of applications submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole:

- 1) **Economic and financial capacity of candidate** (based on item 3 of the application form). In case of candidate being a public body, equivalent information should be provided.
  - a) The average annual turnover of the candidate over the last three years (2011, 2012, 2013) must be at least 2,000,000 EUR
  - b) Average current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) over the last three years (2011, 2012, 2013) must be > 1.
  
- 2) **Professional capacity of candidate** (based on items 4 and 5 of the application form)
  - a) At least ten (10) permanent staff currently work for the candidate in fields of hydraulic engineering and environmental monitoring related to water ecosystems

**3) Technical capacity of candidate** (based on items 5 and 6 of the application form)

a) The candidate has provided services under at least one contract (with a value of the activities in the contract carried out by the legal entity being at least EUR 1,000,000, e.g. at least 50% in case overall contract value of EUR 2,000,000) in the field of supervision of hydraulic engineering works, which were completed at any moment during the following period: in the course of the past 3 years (starting from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2011 up to the deadline for receipt of application).

AND

b) The candidate has provided services under at least one contract (with value of the activities in the contract carried out by the legal entity being at least EUR 350,000, e.g. at least 50% in case overall contract value of EUR 700,000) in the field of environmental monitoring related to water ecosystems, that included execution of monitoring of biological and water-related parameters, which were implemented at any moment during the following period: in the course of the past 3 years (starting from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2011 up to the deadline for receipt of application).

For selection criteria listed under 21.3 a) this means that the projects that candidate refers to have to be completed within the three years period, but they do not have to have necessarily started and completed during indicated period, nor implemented during the entire period. Candidates are allowed to refer to projects completed within the reference period (although started earlier). In this case the project will be considered in its whole if proper evidence of performance is provided (e.g. final report approved, statement or certificate from the entity which awarded the contract, proof of final payment).

For selection criteria listed under 21.3 b) this means that the projects the candidate 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 indicated period, nor implemented during the entire period. Candidates 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 (e.g. final report approved, statement or certificate from the entity which awarded the contract, proof of final payment). In case of projects still ongoing 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.

If a candidate has implemented the project in a consortium, the percentage that the candidate has successfully completed must be clear from the documentary evidence, together with a description of the nature of the services provided if the selection criteria relating to the pertinence of the experience have been used.

If the candidate proves that the selection criteria listed under 21.3.a) and 21.3.b) are fulfilled through the execution of one single contract that covers both fields required and both value portion required for each of the criterion listed under 21.3.a) and 21.3.b), the reference shall be accepted as valid.

Previous experience which caused breach of contract and termination by a Contracting Authority shall not be used as reference.

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. It must in that case prove to the Contracting Authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for performance of the contract, for example by

producing an undertaking 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.

If more than 8 eligible candidates meet the above selection criteria, the relative strengths and weaknesses of the applications of these candidates must be reexamined to identify the eight best candidates. The only factors which will be taken into consideration during this re-examination are:

- 1) The total number of reference projects found eligible under criteria 21.3.; and in case of equality on this criterion, then
- 2) The value of the eligible part (the proportion carried out by the candidate) of the projects found eligible under criteria 21.3.

## **22. Award criteria**

Best value for money.

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# **APPLICATION**

## **23. Deadline for receipt of applications**

15:00 hrs Central European Time on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

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

## **24. Application format and details to be provided**

Applications must be submitted using the standard application form, the format and instructions of which must be strictly observed. The application form is available from the following Internet address: <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?group=B>

Any additional documentation (brochure, letter, etc) sent with an application will not be taken into consideration.

## **25. How applications may be submitted**

Applications must be submitted in English exclusively to the Contracting Authority in a sealed envelope:

- EITHER by recorded delivery (official postal service) to :  
Ministry of Finance, Government of the Republic of Serbia  
Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programmes (CFCU)  
Division for Tender Evaluation and Contracting  
Sremska Str, 3-5 / VII floor, office 701, Belgrade, 11 000  
Republic of Serbia
- OR hand delivered (including courier services) directly to the Contracting Authority in return for a signed and dated receipt to:  
Ministry of Finance, Government of the Republic of Serbia  
Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programmes (CFCU)  
Division for Tender Evaluation and Contracting

**The Contract title and the Publication reference (see item 1 above) must be clearly marked on the envelope** containing the application and must always be mentioned in all subsequent correspondence with the Contracting Authority.

Applications submitted by any other means will not be considered.

**26. Alteration or withdrawal of applications**

Candidates may alter or withdraw their applications by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of applications. No application may be altered after this deadline.

Any such notification of alteration or withdrawal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with Item 25. The outer envelope (and the relevant inner envelope if used) must be marked 'Alteration' or 'Withdrawal' as appropriate.

**27. Operational language**

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

**28. Date of publication of prior information notice**

14<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**29. Legal basis**

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)

**30. Additional information**

Opening hours of the Contracting Authority: 8:30-15:00 CET.