
WORKS PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Wastewater Treatment Plant Vbras-Kula - Sludge Line

Location - Vrbas, Republic of Serbia

1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/131897/L/WKS/RS

2. Procedure

Open

3. Programme

IPA

4. Financing

National IPA 2008

5. Contracting Authority

European Commission, on behalf of and for the account of the beneficiary country.

CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

6. Description of the contract

This works contract is to be implemented in accordance with the conditions for works contracts of the Practical Guide to contract procedures for European Union External Actions.

The contract is for the Design and Build of the Sludge Treatment Line at the Vrbas Wastewater Treatment Plant. The water line of the wastewater treatment plant is currently under construction.

The sludge treatment line works consist of separate and combined thickening for primary and excess sludge, sludge dewatering, sludge digesters and gas utilisation for electricity generation and heat recovery.

7. Number and titles of lots

The works are not divided into Lots.

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 also heading 22 below). All works, supplies and services under this contract must originate in one or more of these countries. Participation is also open to international organisations. The 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 Works Contract, to the effect that they are not in any of the situations listed in point 2.3.3 of the **Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions**.

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 works required in the tender dossier.

11. Tender guarantee

Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee of **40,000 Euros** when submitting their tender. This guarantee will be released to unsuccessful tenderers once the tender procedure has been completed and to the successful tenderer(s) upon signature of the contract by all parties.

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

A mandatory site visit will be held on 27 September 2011 11:00h

All tenderers who decide to take part to this site visit shall communicate their registration, at the latest two days before date specified above, to the following email address:

jdinov@misp-serbia.rs

The introductory meeting will take place in the premises of the Municipality of Vrbas at the following address: Marsal Tita 59, Vrbas, Republic of Serbia, on the date and time specified above

14. Tender validity

Tenders must remain valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline for submission of tenders.

15. Period of implementation of tasks

20 months construction period + 12 months Defects Liability Period

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

16. Selection criteria

These selection criteria have to be considered as minimum requirements. In case of a tender submitted by consortia/joint ventures, these criteria apply to the consortium/joint venture as a whole.

1) General

The Tenderer must be a registered firm or natural person registered in eligible country (as per clause 3.1) and capable of carrying out the specified Works;

2) Economic and financial capacity of tenderers:

- a) the average annual turnover of the last three (3) years (2010, 2009, 2008) is at least **8,000,000 EURO**.
- b) The Tenderer shall demonstrate, by a bank statement, that he has available or has access to liquid assets, lines of credit, or other financial means sufficient to meet the construction cash flow for the contract of not less than **1,600,000 Euro**, for a period of 6 months, in addition to the Tenderer's commitments for other contracts.

In case of a consortium/joint venture, the economic and financial capacity requested shall be as follows:

- c) The leading partner shall meet not less than 50% of the economic and financial standing criteria specified above;
- d) Each other partner shall meet not less than 10% of the economic and financial standing criteria;

3) Technical and Professional capacity

- a) The tenderer must be a registered firm or a natural person legally capable of carrying out the specified works.

- b) The tenderer has implemented as prime contractor at least 2 projects with a minimum value of 3,000,000 EUR each (value of the sludge treatment facilities). Both projects shall be of similar nature and complexity comparable to this design and build contract (similar nature and complexity means: design and construction works for sludge treatment facilities (including mechanical dewatering and digestion process) for wastewater treatment plants with mechanical and biological treatment process for above 60 000 P.E.).

This value above refers to the total value of the works on the sludge treatment facilities, the contractor was responsible for.

The works should have been completed within 5 years prior to the deadline for submission of tenders.

Copies (with translation into English) of the respective taking-over/provisional acceptance certificates, signed by the supervisor/contracting authority of the projects concerned **must** be submitted. These documents shall clearly demonstrate the compliance of the presented references with the above criteria.

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 rely in majority on the capacities of other entities or when they rely on key criteria. If the tenderer rely 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 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. 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.

17. Award criteria

The lowest Tender Evaluation Sum of the administratively and technically compliant offer.

The Tender Evaluation Sum will be based on the Tender Price (Capital Expenditure) as well as operational costs, in line with Article 22.3 of the Instructions to Tenderers.

TENDERING

18. How to obtain the tender dossier

The tender dossier is available on the website of EuropeAid at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome> and on the website of the Delegation of the European Union: www.europa.rs (section "Funding Opportunities"): <http://www.europa.rs/en/kakoDoFondova/otvoreno.html>).

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

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Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia
Vladimira Popovica 40/V, 11070 New Belgrade, Republic of Serbia
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(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 will 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> and www.europa.rs (section Funding Opportunities).

19. Deadline for submission of tenders

The deadline for submission of tender is the 31 October 2011 at 12:00 hrs (CET) at the address indicated in item 18

Any tender received after this deadline will not be considered.

20. Tender opening session

The tender opening session is on 31 October 2011 at 14:30 hrs (CET) at the address indicated in item 18.

21. Language of the procedure

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

22. Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 (IPA Regulation).