

SERVICE CONTRACT NOTICE

Tender No EC/BIH/TEN/14/004

Refer approval

Preparing Preliminary studies and designs for construction of expressway on the SEETO Comprehensive Network Route 3: Sarajevo-Vardište

Western Balkans, Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Republika Srpska Entity and Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Entity

1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/135476/DH/SER/BA

2. Procedure

Restricted

3. Programme title

IPA 2012 National Programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina

4. Financing

BGUE-B2015-22.025100-C8-NEAR DELBIH

5. Contracting Authority

European Union, represented by the European Commission on behalf of and for the account of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

CONTRACT SPECIFICATION

6. Nature of contract

Global price

7. Contract description

The Project shall provide for:

- Conceptual designs and preliminary studies for the construction / reconstruction of the respective road sections, to upgrade them preferably to an expressway profile,

- Technical documentation required for the tender procedure for provision of the Preliminary and the Main Design.

Specific expected results to be achieved by the Consultant are, in principle:

- **Technical report** on the current status of the road, expressed through the indicators concerning the specific road elements,
- **Analysis and identification** of elements which will be subject to consideration for construction / reconstruction in the preliminary designs and studies.
- **Preliminary Solutions / Conceptual Designs** with supporting studies that shall result in the first phase in development of a number of variants of the conceptual design (at least 5 for all sections-subsections) to upgrade the route to preferably an expressway profile, and provide for solutions for the related facilities. In the second phase, by analysing the relevant preliminary solutions and comparing those using standard methodologies in this field, at least two preliminary solutions will be selected to be elaborated in the subsequent phases of the Project.
- **Technical Study,**
- **Traffic Study,**
- **Multi-Criterion Analysis,**
- **Pre - Feasibility Study,**
- **Preliminary Environment Impact Assessment** for each of sections in case a new road section construction (new alignment) would be considered,
- **Environment Management Plan,** for each of the sections in case existing road reconstruction (re-alignment) would be considered.
- **Preliminary Socio-economic Impact Assessment** for construction / reconstruction of the expressway / road.
- **Terms of Reference** for provision of Preliminary and Main Design

The assignment aims to facilitate access to the loan funds of IFIs for construction of the respective road section, preferably in the profile of an expressway, of the present bottleneck on the SEETO Comprehensive Network Route 3, Sarajevo-Vardište.

8. Number and titles of lots

One lot only

9. Maximum budget

EUR 800,000

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.

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). 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 2.3.2 of the PRAG.

16. Sub-contracting

Subcontracting is allowed.

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.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

18. Provisional date of invitation to tender

February 2015

19. Provisional commencement date of the contract

May 2016

20. Initial period of implementation of tasks

15 months

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

21. Selection criteria

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. 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 candidate during the reference period shall be at least 1 MEURO.

2) Professional capacity of candidate (based on items 4 and 5 of the application form).

- a. Possession of **the two licenses** for design of civil engineering facilities, ('projektiranje objekata niskogradnje'), preferably design of roads (cesta / puteva), valid under the Laws of Republika Srpska and Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, shall be mandatory for the applicant, or at least 1 member of the applicant consortium at the time of application. **Copies of the both licenses must be attached to the application.**

- b. The candidate shall have at least fifteen (15) staff currently working for the candidate in fields related to this contract;

3) Technical capacity of candidate (based on items 5 and 6 of the application form). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last 36 months before submission deadline.

- a. The candidate shall have successfully completed during the reference period conceptual / preliminary and / or main design for construction of at least a total of 50 km of **categorised asphalt paved expressways and / or roads** subject to design (excluding: motorways, city streets, industrial roads and non-categorised local roads), not necessarily subject to a single project. Expressway / road sections subject to design shall be on the territory of IPA eligible countries. Proportion carried out by legal entity in preparation of the conceptual / preliminary and / or main design of the specific road section shall be at least 60% for each of the referenced projects.

Only projects which have included, together with design, provision of both:

- i. pre-feasibility / feasibility study, and
- ii. preliminary environment impact assessment (PEIA) / environment impact assessment

(EIA) / environment management plan (EMP),

on the full length of the referenced section shall be taken in consideration.

The length of the relevant road / expressway sections for which the designs were produced by the legal entity shall be measured **start-to-end-point** of the respective road / expressway **section**, regardless being single or double carriageway.

Please clearly indicate the date (dd/mm/yy) of completion of the respective road design, length of the respective road section, designed speed, lane width and category of the road subject to design. Please also indicate if pre-feasibility / feasibility study and preliminary environment impact assessment / environment impact assessment / environment management plan have been part of the respective project. Lengths of the relevant road sections subject to design shall be added, and selection shall be based on the total length of designed road sections.

This means that the project the candidate refers to could have been completed at any time during the reference period, but it does not necessarily have to be started during that period, nor implemented during the entire period.

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:

- a. The total length of the expressway / road sections considered relevant as per criterion 21.3.a.

22. Award criteria

Best value for money.

APPLICATION

23. Deadline for receipt of applications

December 21, 2015, 16:30 Central European Time.

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?chapterTitleCode=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 :

Procurement Team
Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina
Skenderija 3a, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- OR hand delivered (including courier services) directly to the Contracting Authority in return for a signed and dated receipt to:

Procurement Team
Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina
Skenderija 3a, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Phone: +387 33 254 700
Fax : +387 33 666 037
E-mail: delegation-bih@ec.europa.eu

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

EuropeAid/135476/DH//SER/BA of February 12, 2014,

29. Legal basis

IPA, Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17.7.2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

30. Additional information

Opening hours of the contracting authority are 09:30 – 16:30 Mo - Th; 09:30 – 14:30 Fr.

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