
SUPPLY CONTRACT NOTICE

Common Information System for Vetting and Issuing of Security Clearances Bosnia and Herzegovina

Tender no.: EC/BiH/TEN/16/020

Re-launch

1. Publication reference

EuropeAid 140099/DH/SUP/BA

2. Procedure

Open

3. Programme title

Country Action Programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina 2016 - Objective 1

4. Financing

2020-22.020101

5. Contracting authority

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

CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

6. Description of the contract

The objective of the supplies project is to support the establishment of a 'Common Information System for Vetting and Issuing of Security Clearances' for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina (MoS) as the National Security Authority (NSA) envisages the common information system within the Central Registry (CR) for Security Clearance Certificates (SCC).

The system will enable secure and efficient intra-agency information exchange for issuing security clearance certificates in accordance with EU standards.

7. Number and titles of lots

One lot only

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

8. Eligibility and rules of origin

Participation is open to all natural persons who are nationals of and legal persons (participating either individually or in a grouping – consortium – of tenderers) which are effectively established in a Member State of the European Union or in a eligible country or territory as defined under the Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 establishing common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for external action (CIR) for the applicable instrument under which the contract is financed (see also heading 22 below). Participation is also open to international organisations.

All supplies under this contract must originate in one or more of these countries.

Please be aware that after the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU, the rules of access to EU procurement procedures of economic operators established in third countries and of goods originating from third countries will apply to candidates or tenderers from the United Kingdom, and to all candidates or tenderers proposing goods originating from the United Kingdom depending on the outcome of negotiations. In case such access is not provided by legal provisions in force, candidates or tenderers from the United Kingdom, and candidates or tenderers proposing goods originating from the United Kingdom could be rejected from the procurement procedure.

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 Section 2.6.10.1. of the practical guide.

Tenderers included in the lists of EU restrictive measures (see Section 2.4. of the PRAG) at the moment of the award decision cannot be awarded the contract.

10. Number of tenders

The candidates may submit only one application for tender. Tenders for parts of the lot will not be considered. Tenderers may not submit a tender for a variant solution in addition to their tender for the supplies required in the tender dossier.

Any tenderer may state in its tender that it would offer a discount in the event that its tender is accepted.

11. Tender guarantee

Tenderers must provide a **tender guarantee of 9 000 EUR** 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 is three hundred sixty five (365) calendar days from the commencement date, until the provisional acceptance is issued.

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.

The average annual turnover of the tenderer for the last three years for which accounts have been closed must exceed the total value of its financial offer.

- 2) Professional capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. items 4 and 5 of the tender form for a supply contract).
- a) The Tenderer must be in a possession of a valid Facility Security Clearance issued by the National Security Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina or by National Security Authority of a country with which Bosnia and Herzegovina has concluded a bilateral agreement on the exchange of classified information¹. It is mandatory for the tenderer to submit a copy of original of the required Facility Security Clearance with the tender;
 - b) The above requested Facility Security Clearance must be valid for the entire implementation period (point 15 above) as well as the entire warranty² period. Documentary evidence of the validity of the Facility Security Clearance has to be submitted with the tender;
 - c) In case of consortia and / or subcontracting the above criteria a) and b) must be fulfilled by all partners in consortia and all subcontractors;
 - d) The tenderer has at least three staff permanently working in the field related to this contract during the reference period. The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years from submission deadline.
- 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 three years from submission deadline.

The tenderer has delivered supplies under at least one contract, with a budget of at least the value of its financial offer and of a similar nature to the one subject to this contract which was implemented during the following period: **30.03.2017 – 30.03.2020**. In case a tenderer has implemented the contract in consortium, proportion carried out by the tenderer must be at least 70%.

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.

¹ Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Federal Republic of Germany, Kingdom of Spain, Kingdom of Norway, Montenegro, Republic of Albania, Republic of Croatia, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Poland, Republic of Serbia, Republic of Slovenia and Slovak Republic.

² Commercial warranty period is not included.

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. If the tender 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 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 relying on them and must comply with the selection criteria for which the economic operator relies on them. 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

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> and http://europa.ba/?page_id=320. 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:

Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina
Procurement Team
Skenderija 3a, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Fax: 00387 33 218 323

E-mail: DELEGATION-BOSNIA-AND-HERZEGOVINA-PROCUREMENT@eeas.europa.eu

(mentioning the publication reference shown in item 1) at the latest 21 days before the deadline for submission of tenders given in item 19. The contracting authority must reply to all tenderers' questions at the latest 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 website of DG International Cooperation and Development at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome> and http://europa.ba/?page_id=320.

19. Deadline for submission of tenders

The tenderer's attention is drawn to the fact that there are two different systems for sending tenders: one is by post or private mail service, the other is by hand delivery.

In the first case, the tender must be sent before the date and time limit for submission, as evidenced by the postmark or deposit slip³, but in the second case it is the acknowledgment of receipt given at the time of the delivery of the tender which will serve as proof.

30 March 2020 at 12:00 Central European Time

Any tender submitted to the contracting authority after this deadline will not be considered.

The contracting authority may, for reasons of administrative efficiency, reject any tender submitted on time to the postal service but received, for any reason beyond the contracting authority's control, after the effective date of approval of the evaluation report, if accepting tenders that were submitted on time but arrived late would considerably delay the evaluation procedure or jeopardise decisions already taken and notified.

How tenders may be submitted

Tenders must be submitted in English exclusively to the contracting authority in a sealed envelope:

- EITHER by post or by courier service, in which case the evidence shall be constituted by the postmark or the date of the deposit slip, to :

**Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina
Procurement Team
Skenderija 3a, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

- OR hand delivered by the participant in person or by an agent directly to the premises of the contracting authority in return for a signed and dated receipt, in which case the evidence shall be constituted by this acknowledgement of receipt, to:

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Procurement Team
Skenderija 3a, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Working hours: Monday – Thursday: 09:30-16:30 and Friday: 09:30 – 14:00

The contract title and the Publication reference (see item 1 above) must be clearly marked on the envelope containing the tender and must always be mentioned in all subsequent correspondence with the contracting authority.

Tenders submitted by any other means will not be considered.

By submitting a tender candidates accept to receive notification of the outcome of the procedure by electronic means. Such notification shall be deemed to have been received on the date upon which the contracting authority sends it to the electronic address referred to in the tender.

20. Tender opening session

06 April 2020 at 14:00 Central European Time

³ It is recommended to use registered mail in case the postmark would not be readable.

21. Language of the procedure

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

22. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action and Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II).

23. Additional information

Financial data to be provided by the tenderer in the standard tender form must be expressed in EUR. If applicable, where a candidate refers to amounts originally expressed in a different currency, the conversion to EUR shall be made in accordance with the InforEuro exchange rate of **January 2020**, which can be found at the following address: <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/graphs/inforeuro.html>.