

Additional information about the Contract Notice

Contract title: Procurement of Excavator for project LIFE WILDisland Location - Republic of Serbia, AP Vojvodina

1. Nature of contract

lump sum

2. Programme title

LIFE 2020, Sector: Nature and Biodiversity

3. Financing

Financing agreement

4. Legal basis, 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 candidates/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 'Legal basis' below). Participation is also open to international organisations.

5. Candidature

All eligible natural and legal persons (as per item 4 above) or groupings of such persons (consortia) may participate or tender.

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

The participation or tender of an ineligible natural or legal person 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.

6. Number of requests to participate or tenders

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

In case of lots, the candidates or tenderers may submit only one request to participate or tender per lot. Contracts will be awarded lot by lot and each lot will form a separate contract.

7. Period of implementation of tasks

9 months.

8. Language of the procedure

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

9. Additional information

Financial data to be provided by the candidate in the standard application form or the tenderer in

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

SELECTION CRITERIA

10. Selection criteria

Capacity-providing entities

An economic operator (i.e. candidate or tenderer) 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 economic operator relies on other entities, it must in that case prove to the contracting authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for the performance of the contract by producing a commitment by 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 a separate document.** Proof of the capacity will also have to be provided when requested by the contracting authority.

With regard to technical and professional criteria, an economic operator 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 economic operator relies, become jointly and severally liable for the performance of the contract.

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

The candidate shall not use previous experience which caused breach of contract and termination by a contracting authority as a reference for selection criteria.

The selection criteria for each tenderer are as follows:

- 1) **Economic and financial capacity** (based on item 3 of the request to participate form, or on item 3 of supply tender 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.
 - the average annual turnover of the candidate or tenderer for the 3 years must exceed/be equal to the the Tenderer's financial offer;
- 2) **Professional capacity** (based on items 4 and 5 of the request to participate form for service contracts and on items 4 and 5 of the tender form for supply contracts). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years preceding the submission deadline.
 - at least 5 staff currently work or are engaged for the tenderer in fields related to this contract;
- 3) **Technical capacity** (based on items 5 and 6 of the request to participate form for service contracts and on items 5 and 6 of the tender form for supply contracts). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years from submission deadline.

- The candidate has provided services or supplies under at least one contract with a budget of at least of the Tenderer's financial offer in supply and delivery of similar supplies which was implemented at any moment during the reference period: 3 years.

This means that the contract the candidate refers to could have been started at any time during the indicated period but it does not necessarily have to be completed during that 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. Only the portion satisfactorily completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. This portion will have to be supported by documentary evidence (statement or certificate from the entity which awarded the contract, proof of payment) 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/supplies delivered if the selection criteria relating to the pertinence of the experience have been used.

11. Award criteria

Supply contracts: Price.

12. Requests to participate format and details to be provided

Any documentation (brochure, letter, etc.) sent with a request to participate in addition to what has been requested will not be taken into consideration.

13. Deadline for submission of requests to participate

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

In the first case, the request to participate must be sent before the date and time-limit for submission, as evidenced by the postmark or deposit slip¹, but in the second case it is the acknowledgment of receipt given at the time of the delivery of the request to participate that will serve as proof.

The deadline for submission of requests to participate can be found in the Contract Notice under IV.2.2. *Unless the Time Zone is specified in eTendering, the "Local Time" mentioned under IV.2.2 in the Contract Notice shall be understood as Central European Time (CET) which is the standard time in Brussels.*

Any request to participate sent to the contracting authority after this deadline will not be considered. The contracting authority may, for reasons of administrative efficiency, reject any request for participation submitted on time but received, for any reason beyond the contracting authority's control, after the effective date of approval of the short-list report, if accepting requests to participate that were submitted on time but arrived late would considerably delay the evaluation procedure or jeopardise decisions already taken and notified.

14. Clarifications on the contract notice

Clarifications may be sought from the contracting authority at the following email address ivana.vasic@vojvodinasume.rs at the latest 21 days before the deadline for submission of applications stated at section **IV.2.2) of the contract notice**.

15. Outcome of the evaluation

By submitting a request to participate 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 request to participate form.

16. Alteration or withdrawal of requests to participate

¹ It is recommended to use registered mail in case the postmark would not be readable.

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

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