**Additional information about the Contract Notice**

**Supply of 42 photovoltaic panels systems (5 Kw)**

**Municipality of Struga, North Macedona, and Municipality of Pogradec, Albania**

**Only in case of suspensive clause:**

**Please note that the awarding of the contract is subject to the condition of:**

* **the prior adoption of a financing decision and the prior conclusion of a financing agreement, which does not modify the elements of the procurement procedure (this will be the case, for instance, if the budget initially foreseen is different or if the timeframe, the nature or the condition of the implementation are altered). If the precedent condition is not met, the contracting authority will either abandon the procurement or cancel the award procedure without the candidates or tenderers being entitled to claim any compensation.**

1. **Nature of contract**

**Hybrid.**

1. **Programme title**

Struga & Pogradec for promoting tourism and cultural heritage.

1. **Financing**

BL 6.8

1. **Legal basis, eligibility and rules of origin**

The legal basis of this procedure is 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 Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II).

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 Article 8 of 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.

Participation is also open to international organisations.

Participation in procurement and grant procedures financed by the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) and the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP)[[1]](#footnote-1) is fully untied[[2]](#footnote-2).

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

1. **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.**

1. **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.

1. **Grounds for exclusion**

Candidates must submit a signed declaration, included in the request to participate form, to the effect that they are not in any of the situations listed in Section 2.6.10.1 of the **practical guide (PRAG).** Where the candidate intends to rely on capacity providing entities or subcontractor(s), he/she must provide the same declaration signed by this/these entity(ies).

1. **Sub-contracting**

Sub-contracting is allowed.

1. **Number of candidates to be short-listed**

**N/A.**

1. **Short-list alliances prohibited**

**N/A.**

1. **Provisional date of invitation to tender**

**14 November 2024**

1. **Provisional commencement date of the contract**

21 December 2024.

1. **Period of implementation of tasks**

Up to 28 February 2025

1. **Language of the procedure**

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

1. **Additional information**

Financial data to be provided by the candidate in the request to participate form or in the tender submission 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 August 2024, which can be found at the following address: <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/graphs/inforeuro.html>.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. **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 tenderer must exceed EUR 200.000;
* current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) which accounts have been closed must be at least 1. In case of a consortium, this criterion applies just to the main contractor, which is responsible also for the economic and financial capacity of each member.

**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.

The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years preceding the submission deadline. The selection criteria for each tenderer are as follows:

* Has a professional certificate appropriate to this contract, such as business registration certificate and license for PV.
* Experience on works in EU countries should be advantaged, e.g. in the technical area and/or in similar environments.
* North Macedonian and Albanian language, also through sub-contractors or affiliated companies, is a must.
* Capacity to import PV or components part of this tender autonomously in North Macedonia and in Albania.
* Local experts CV with background including licensed engineer and staff with at least 3 years’ experience in PV installation – sub contractors allowed (CVs).
* Capacity to works in Macedonia and in Albania – sub contractors allowed (CVs).
* At least 4 specialised staff able to work in the field at the same time.

**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.

* Capacity to supply Photovoltaic solutions (5 Kwh) and installation for every kind of roof, commissioning and technical test.
* the tenderer has delivered supplies under at least 2 contracts with similar works in solar energy and energy efficiency, preferably in PV supply in North Macedonia or Albania or both countries with contracts not less than EUR 150,000.00.
* Capacity to finalize the contract in maximum 60 working days, starting earliest on 21 Decembre 2024.
* Warranty on transport; minimum 5 years warranty on PV, spare-parts and installation works.
* EU/IPA certification of origin.
* Capacity to prepare feasibility study and work plan for the 22 installations in North Macedonia and the 20 in Albania.
* Local experts CV with background including licensed engineer and staff with at least 3 years’ experience in PV installation – sub contractors allowed (CVs).
* Capacity to works in Macedonia and in Albania – sub contractors allowed (CVs).
* Capacity to provide maintenance trainings in Macedonian and Albanian Language, inclusive materials.
* Capacity to import PV or components part of this tender autonomously in North Macedonia and in Albania. Transport and custom costs must be included in the offer.

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.

1. **Award criteria**

Price (or, if appropriate after prior approval, the best price-quality ratio which is a combination of quality and price).

**PARTICIPATION**

1. **Requests to participate format and details to be provided**

Requests to participate must be submitted using the request to participate form, the format and instructions of which must be strictly observed. The request to participate form is available from the following Internet address:

<https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/document.do?isAnnexes=true>

and from

<https://www.greeninstitute.mk/en/news/217-invitation-to-tender-for-supply-of-42-photovoltaic-panels-systems-5kw-municipality-of-struga-north-macedona-and-municipality-of-pogradec-albania>

The request to participate must be accompanied by a declaration on honour on exclusion and selection criteria using the template available from the following Internet address:

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

1. **How requests to participate may be submitted**

**Paper submission.** Requests to participate 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:

Association of environmentally sustainable development Green Institute – Skopje

Bulevard Koco Racin 20/23 Skopje

Republic of North Macedonia

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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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Opening hours: Monday-Friday

08:30-16:30

The contract title and publication reference (see contract notice) must be clearly marked on the envelope containing the request to participate and must always be mentioned in all subsequent correspondence with the contracting authority.

Requests to participate submitted by any other means will not be considered.

1. **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 slip[[3]](#footnote-3), 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.**

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.

1. **Clarifications on the contract notice**

Any request for clarifications must be made in writing through the TED eTendering website accessible from the F&T portal[[4]](#footnote-4)*.* This concerns request for clarifications about the contract notice and also request for clarifications about the content of the document called “Additional information to the contract notice.” Registration on TED eTendering is required to be able to create and submit a question. Clarifications can be requested by clicking “Create a question” in the Questions & Answers tab at the latest on 2 December 2024.

Clarifications will be published on TED eTendering website at the latest 8 days before the deadline for the submission of requests to participate. The website will be updated regularly and it is the candidates responsibility to check for updates and modifications during the submission period.

1. **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.

1. **Alteration or withdrawal of requests to participate**

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.]

1. Regulation (EU) No 230/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an instrument contributing to stability and peace (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 1). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Article 11 CIR. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. It is recommended to use registered mail in case the postmark would not be readable. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)