

SUPPLY PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Integrated Management of Transboundary Groundwater between Bulgaria and Romania in Dobrudja/Dobrogea Area Romania

1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/122335/D/S/RO

2. Procedure

International open tender

3. Programme

2004 - Phare CBC Programme for Romania

4. Financing

Financing Memorandum PHARE / 2004 / 016-784

5. Contracting authority

Ministry of European Integration, Romania

CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

6. Description of the contract

The project intends to provide equipment for qualitative and quantitative groundwater monitoring , including IT equipment for data recording and processing (including modelling) needed to cover joint monitoring Programme and meet the requirements of WFD 2000/60/EC. Therefore it will be purchased regarding the following types:

- Quantitative monitoring equipment for online quantitative monitoring of groundwater characteristics
- Qualitative monitoring equipment for online qualitative monitoring of groundwater and data transmission system to the server (automatic station with sensors for the physical-chemical measurements and detectors of the accidental pollution),
- Data processing, analysis and dissemination, information system with equipment and software (including software for modelling).

7. Number and titles of lots

1 lot - Equipment for qualitative and quantitative groundwater monitoring, including IT equipment for data recording and processing (including modelling)

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

8. Eligibility and rules of origin

Participation in tendering is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons of the Member States of the European Union and the countries and territories of the regions covered and/or authorized by the Regulation or other specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed (see also item 21 below). All goods supplied under this contract must originate in these countries.

9. Grounds for exclusion

Tenderers must submit a statement to the effect that they are not in any of the situations listed in point 2.3.3 of the *Practical Guide to contracts procedures financed by the general budget of the European Communities in the context of external actions*.

10. Number of tenders

Tenderers (including firms within the same legal group, other members of the same consortium, and sub-contractors) may submit one tender for the lot. Tenders for parts of the 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 supplies required in the tender dossier.

11. Tender guarantee

Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee of 10,000 Euro 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. 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 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 best 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.

15. Period of execution

9 months plus 12 months warranty period.

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

16. Selection criteria

a) Economic and financial capacity

- The tenderer shall document an average yearly turnover for the last three years (2003, 2004 and 2005 - firm or JV/consortium, all together) of at least of 1,100,000 Euro.
- The tenderer shall prove to have had a positive average operating profit for the last three years (2003, 2004 and 2005 - firm or JV/consortium, all together).

The data will presented in the following format:

| | Financial Data | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|---------|--------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Leader | Annual turnover (Euro) | | | |
| | Annual Operating profit (Euro) | | | |
| Partner | Annual Operating profit (Euro) | | | |
| | Annual turnover (Euro) | | | |
| Average | Annual Operating profit (Euro) | | | |
| | Annual turnover (Euro) | | | |

b) Professional capacity

- The tenderer (firm or JV/consortium, all together) must provide a list of previous projects demonstrating its capacity to execute similar contracts. Relevant experience must be proved by having completed at least 2 similar relevant contracts within the last 5 years (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005), each with a value exceeding 500,000 Euro for delivery of water quality monitoring equipment.

The evidence of having completed such projects must be provided (certificates, confirmation/relevant date for previous beneficiaries) and shall be presented as follows:

| Ref # (max. 15) | Project title | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------------|---|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Name of tenderer | Country | Contract Value (€) | Proportion carried out by the candidate (%) | Name of Client | Origin of funding | Dates (start/end) | Name of partners, if any |
| | | | | | | | |
| Detailed description of supplies provided | | | | | | Ancillary services provided | |
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- The tenderer shall present recommendation letters of behalf of the beneficiaries of previous projects, confirming the quality of the supplies and the work performed.

c) Technical capacity

- Proof of availability of local resources for the execution of the warranty and after - sales service.

17. Award criteria

Price (the contract will be awarded to the company which is technically compliant and have the lowest price).

TENDERING

18. How to obtain the tender dossier

The tender dossier is available from the following Internet address: http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/tender/index_en.htm. The tender dossier is also available for collection from the Contracting Authority. Tenders must be submitted using the standard tender form 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

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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.

19. Deadline for submission of tenders

All tenders shall be submitted to the Cross Border Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of European Integration (MEI), Blvd. Libertatii, nr. 12, Sector 5, Bucharest, Romania, until **the 29 May 2006, 13:00 local time**. Any tenders submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

The deadline for submission of tenders must be combined with the public opening.

20. Tender opening session

The tender opening session will be held on the **29 May 2006, 14.00 local time**, at the Cross Border Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of European Integration (MEI), Blvd. Libertatii, nr. 12, Sector 5, Bucharest, Romania

21. Legal basis

Financing Memorandum PHARE / 2004 / 016-784, signed on April 8, 2005, EC Directive no. 3906/89,
EC Directive no. 1266/99 and EC Directive 769/2004