Chisinau Water Development Programme

Procurement ref: 8282-IFT-44027

Country: Moldova

Business sector:

Municipal and environmental infrastructure

Project number:

44027

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Project goods, works and services

Notice type:

Invitation for tenders

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09 Aug 2016 at 11:00 Chisinau (local time)

Rehabilitation of Wastewater Treatment Plant and new Sludge Treatment Facilities

This Invitation for Tenders follows the General Procurement Notice for this project which was published in *Procurement Opportunities*, (www.ebrd.com) on 2nd March 2015.

The Employer, S.A. "Apa-Canal Chisinau" (ACC), has received a loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank) a loan from European Investment Bank (EIB) and a grant from EU's Neighborhood Investment Facility (NIF) towards the cost of Chisinau Water Development Programme.

The Employer now invites sealed tenders from Contractors for the Rehabilitation of wastewater treatment plant and new sludge treatment facility to be funded from part of the proceeds of the loan and the NIF Grant. The following activities shall be performed by the Contractor:

- Detailed design, manufacturing, delivery, installation of new mechanical and electrical equipment for the Chisinau WWTP and proposed sludge digestion facility and the rehabilitation of existing civil works and any civil structures including buildings required for the new sludge treatment facility;
- Testing, pre-commissioning and commissioning of all new supplied and installed equipment;
- Training of ACC staff in operation and maintenance of installed equipment.

The time for completion of the Contract is 900 calendar days.

To be qualified for the award of a Contract, Tenderers must satisfy the following minimum criteria:

- a) The Tenderer has an average annual turnover over the last three years of not less than €20,000,000 equivalent;
- (b) Successful experience as prime contractor in execution of at least two 2 projects of a nature and complexity comparable to proposed contract within the last 10 (ten) years. Nature and complexity means Wastewater Treatment Plant design and construction or rehabilitation contract of minimum 200,000 p.e. and associated sludge digestion works.
- (c) The Tenderer shall demonstrate that it has access to, or has available, liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means sufficient to meet the construction cash flow for the contract for a period of 4 (four) months, estimated as not less than €1,000,000 equivalent, taking into account the applicants commitments for other contracts..

Joint ventures (JVCA) must satisfy collectively all of the above mentioned qualification criteria, for which purpose the relevant figures for each of the partners shall be added to arrive at the joint venture's total capacity:

- (a) The lead partner of the JVCA shall demonstrate that he acted as a main contractor on a project of similar magnitude;
- (b) The lead partner shall meet at least sixty (60%) percent of the minimum qualifying criteria for general experience and financial position required above
- (c) Other partners shall meet at least twenty (20%) percent of the minimum qualifying criteria for general experience and financial position required above

The tenderer and each partner in case of JVCA shall demonstrate his strong financial position and long-term profitability by providing audited balance sheets and profit and loss statements for the last three years

Tendering for contracts to be financed with the proceeds of a loan from the Bank is open to firms from all countries. The proceeds of the Bank's loan will not be used for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

Tender documents shall be obtained from the address below upon payment of a non-refundable fee of €200 or equivalent in MDL, following the National Bank of Moldova exchange rate for the date of publishing of the IFT, made to the following Employer's Bank Account:

• for international payments in Euro (€):

The Employer's Bank Account: MD28PR002224166792001978,

Bank: BC "ProCreditBank" SA, bd. Stefan Cel Mare 65,

Chisinau, Moldova,

SWIFT: PRCBMD22

Beneficiary: S.A. Apa-Canal Chisinau, str. Albisoara 38, Chisinau,

Moldova.

Identifying number: 1002600015876

• for national payments in Moldovain Lei (MDL):

Adresa juridică: mun. Chişinău, str. Albişoara, 38

c/f: 1002600015876

cod TVA: 0600920

Banca: BC "ProCreditBank" SA

Codul băncii: PRCBMD22

c/d: MD12PR002251166792001498

Cheque and bank transfer charges to be paid by the Tenderer.

Upon receipt of written request and appropriate evidence of payment of the non-refundable fee as noted above and cost of courier, the documents will be promptly dispatched by courier; however, no liability can be accepted for their loss or late delivery. In addition, if requested, the documents can be dispatched electronically after presentation by the prospective Tenderer of appropriate evidence of payment of the non-refundable fee. In the event of discrepancy between electronic and hard copies of the documents, the hard copy shall prevail.

All tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security of €200,000 or its equivalent in MDL based on the exchange rate on the date the IFT was issued, and must be delivered to the address below on or before 9 August 2016, 11:00 am local time, at which time they will be opened in the presence of the tenderers' representatives who choose to attend.

Prospective tenderers may obtain further information from, and inspect and acquire the tender documents at, the following office:

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