
WORKS PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Construction of Sewerage Systems in Velipoja and Shkodra

Albania

1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/128831/C/WKS/AL

2. Procedure

Open

3. Programme

IPA 2007 National Programme and IPA 2010 National Programme for Albania.

4. Financing

22.02.02 Transition and Institution-building assistance to potential candidate countries

5. Contracting Authority

The European Union represented by the European Commission, itself represented in view of the present tender procedure by the Delegation of the European Union to Albania, for and on behalf of the Government of Albania

CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

6. Description of the contract

Works for construction of the sewerage systems in the coastal area of Velipoja and the industrial area of Shkodra. The works include construction of pipelines, pumping stations, wastewater treatment plant and rehabilitation of existing pipelines. The works will be divided to three parts as follows:

Works 1: Construction of Sewerage System in Velipoja, Section 1;

Works 2: Construction of Sewerage System in Shkodra;

Works 3: Construction of Sewerage System in Velipoja, Section 2.

7. Number and titles of lots

Only one Lot

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

8. Eligibility and rules of origin

Participation is open to all legal persons participating either individually or in a grouping

(consortium) of tenderers which are established in a Member State of the European Union or in a country or territory of the regions covered and/or authorised by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed (see also heading 22 below). All works, supplies and services under this contract must originate in one or more of these countries. Participation is also open to international organisations. The participation of natural persons is directly governed by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed.

9. Grounds for exclusion

Tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the Tender Form for a Works Contract, to the effect that they are not in any of the situations listed in point 2.3.3 of the **Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions**.

10. Number of tenders

Tenderers may submit only one tender per lot. Tenders for parts of a 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 works required in the tender dossier.

11. Tender guarantee

Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee of **EUR 100,000** 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.

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

An optional information meeting will be held on **01.07.2010, at 14:00**, at the Delegation of the European Union to Albania, Conference Room, ABA Business Centre, 17 floor, Rruga Papa Gjon Pali II, Albania.

Tenderers interested in attending the meeting are requested to send a written confirmation to the EU Delegation to the attention Ms Brunilda Ndoci fax number +355 4 2270678, tel: +355 4 2228320/2228479 ext.210, E-mail address: Brunilda.Ndoci@ec.europa.eu. This confirmation shall include the number of persons representing the company at the information meeting

14. Tender validity

Tenders must remain valid for a period of **90 days** after the deadline for submission of tenders.

15. Period of implementation of tasks

The period of implementation for Works 1 and Works 3 (see item 6 "Description of the contract") is 24 months from the commencement order, followed by a 12 months defects liability period.

The period of implementation for Works 2 (see item 6 "Description of the contract") is 12 months from the commencement order, followed by a 12 months defects liability period.

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

16. Selection criteria

In the case of a tender submitted by a consortium, unless specified, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole:

The selection criteria for each tenderer are as follows:

1. Economic and financial capacity of candidate:

- (a) the average annual turnover in construction works of the tenderer in the past 3 years (2007, 2008 and 2009) must be at least EUR 6,000,000; if the turnover is not submitted in euro, the exchange rate applied is the average exchange rate of the year concerned (2007, 2008 and 2009) in accordance with the InforEuro (<http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/>). For Albanian Lek the exchange rate is 123.894 (2007); 122.780 (2008) and 131.375 (2009).
- (b) the candidate must have access to sufficient credit and other financial facilities to cover the required cash-flow for the duration of the contract. In any case, the amount of credit available must exceed the equivalent of EUR 1,500,000.

2. Professional capacity of candidate:

- (a) The minimum number of permanent personnel in accordance with Form 4.6.1.1 currently employed by the tenderer must be 20 (twenty) (proof of social contribution and/or insurance must be provided);
- (b) The candidate's key personnel (Forms 4.6.1.1, 4.6.1.2 and 4.6.1.3) must be composed of the two following profiles:

1. Executive Project Manager:

He/She will manage the contract and will act as contractor's representative.

He/She shall have:

- University degree in civil engineering;
- at least 8 years of professional experience in managing of infrastructure works contracts;
- proven experience (supporting documentation must be provided) of having managed at least one successfully completed project with a value at least equal to that of the tenderer's offer;
- fluency in English;
- must be permanent employee of the tenderer (proof of social contribution and/or insurance must be provided).

2. Site Engineers: 1 site engineer for Velipoja and 1 site engineer for Shkodra:
 Site Engineers will be in charge of all organisation, logistics and works' execution of the sites and will be present on site full time.

Site Engineers shall have:

- University degree in civil engineering;
- at least 5 years of professional experience in site management of water or wastewater infrastructure works contracts;

3. Technical capacity of candidate:

- (a) the tenderer must have completed over the last 5 years (08/2005-08/2010) as a prime contractor at least 1 contract for construction of sewerage network for an amount hereafter indicated of EUR 3,000,000. The Tenderer shall present copies of the respective certificates of provisional acceptance or equivalent signed by the supervisors/contracting authority of the projects concerned;
- (b) the tenderer must have completed over the last 5 years (08/2005-08/2010) as prime contractor at least 1 contract for construction of sewerage system (sewerage network plus wastewater treatment plant) for an amount hereafter indicated of EUR 6,000,000. The Tenderer shall present copies of the respective certificates of provisional acceptance or equivalent signed by the supervisors/contracting authority of the projects concerned;
- (c) The tenderer must propose and have available for the implementation of the contract (Form 4.6.2) at least the following machinery and equipment:

Description	Min number of units
Trenching machine	2
Trench dewatering plant	2
Concrete mixing and placing plant	2
Cranes and lifting equipment up to 20 t	2
Pneumatic hydraulic excavator 100 CV with hydraulic hammer	2
Concrete mixer	3
Concrete track mixer 6 m3	3
Low Loader	1
Conventional dumper 2,000 kg	3
Truck with crane up to 12 t	1
Dumper truck 6x4, 20 t	1
Sweeping machine	1
Water cistern truck 6,000 l	1
Buldozer	1
PE Pipe welding Machine	2

Generator	2
Hand tandem roller with vibrations 800 kg	2
Roller 10 t	2
Pneumatic hand concrete vibrator 100 mm	1
Well-point system	2

- (d) The tenderer must carry out at least 70% of the contract works by own resources, which means that it must have the equipment, materials, human and financial resources necessary to enable it to carry out that percentage of the contract;
- (e) if it is the lead member of a joint venture/consortium, it must have the ability to carry out at least 50% of the contract works by its own means;
- (f) if it is a partner of a joint venture/consortium (i.e. not the lead member) it must have the ability to carry out at least 10% of the contract works by its own means.

17. Award criteria

Price.

TENDERING

18. How to obtain the tender dossier

The tender dossier is available from the Delegation of the European Union to Albania, ABA Business Centre, 17 floor, Rruga Papa Gjon Pali II, Albania in a CD-ROM free of charge. It is also available for inspection at the premises of the Contracting Authority: the European Union to Albania, ABA Business Centre, 17 floor, Rruga Papa Gjon Pali II, Albania.

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 the Delegation of the European Union to Albania, Contract, Finance and Audit Section, ABA Business Centre, 17 floor, Rruga Papa Gjon Pali II, Albania, Fax: +355 4 2274412, E-mail: Sabine.Seaman@ec.europa.eu, cc: Daniela.Hanusova@ec.europa.eu (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. Eventual clarifications or minor changes to the tender dossier will be published at the latest 11 days before the submission deadline on the EuropeAid website at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>.

19. Deadline for submission of tenders

31.08.2010, 16:00, Central European Time.

Any tender received after this deadline will not be considered.

20. Tender opening session

01.09.2010, 10:00, Central European Time

Delegation of the European Union to Albania, Contract, Finance and Audit Section, ABA
Business Centre, 17 floor, Rruga Papa Gjon Pali II, Albania

21. Language of the procedure

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

22. Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No. 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) – OJ L 210 of 31.7.2006, p.82.

23. Additional information

The conclusion of the works contract for Works 3 as indicated in item 6 "Description of the contract" is subject to the adoption of the National Programme for Albania for the year 2010 and the conclusion of the Financing Agreement between the European Union and the Government of Albania on the Implementation of the IPA National Programme for Albania for the year 2010.