WORKS PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Construction of sewer main collector I in Stara Zagora,
Maritsa River Basin, Bulgaria

1. Publication reference
EUROPEAID/123147/D/WKS/BG

2. Procedure
Local Open Procedure

3. Programme
ISPA (Instrument for Structural Policies for Pre-Accession)

4. Financing
This project is co-financed by:

- Financing Memorandum between European Commission and Republic of Bulgaria- ISPA Measure 2000/BG/16/P/PE/003, Amendment No. 3
- European Investment Bank Finance Contract FI No. 20.153/1999
- Bulgarian Government’s contribution

5. Contracting Authority
Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works
ISPA Implementing Agency
ul. “Sv.Sv. Kiril and Methodiy” No. 17-19,
Sofia 1202, Bulgaria

6. Description of the contract
Construction of Main collector I in Stara Zagora with the following key data: Main collector I - DN 2x2000 mm, Length – 1053 m (GRP pipes) and DN 800 mm, Length – 478 m (GRP pipes); Discharge channel 350/180 cm, Length – 379 m (R.C. pipes).

The contract comprises supply, construction and installation of the collector, including manholes, two combined sewerage overflows, one railway crossing and all associated civil works.

7. Number and titles of lots

N/A

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] of the Member States of the European Union and the countries and territories of the regions covered and/or authorised by the Regulations on access to Community external assistance and other 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 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 (see http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/tender/practical_guide_august2006/index_en.htm).

10. Number of tenders

Tenderers may submit only one tender. Tenders for parts of the works 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. 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 50 000 EUR 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 28 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 second best admissible tender.

13. Information meeting and/or site visit

A mandatory information meeting and site visit will be held on 18 January 2007, 11.00 h in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria.
14. Tender validity

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

15. Period of implementation

Provisional time for completion of construction, until provisional acceptance (i.e. until issue of the Taking over Certificate), is up to 365 (three hundred and sixty five) days. This is followed by 365 (three hundred and sixty five) days for Defects Notification Period.

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

16. Selection criteria

The minimum selection criteria for a Sole Tenderer are as follows:

1) General

The Tenderer must be a firm or natural person duly registered as per the national law and accordingly authorised to carry out the specified Works;

2) Economic and financial standing

a) The Annual Turnover in the past three years 2003, 2004 and 2005 (net of taxes, social security charges and other fiscal items) of the tenderer must be at least 6.0 million Euro.

b) Sufficient liquid working capital for financing the works. The Tenderer shall provide evidence of secured financing of not less than 1.0 million Euro, in form of cash at hand, secured irrevocable credit line granted by a reputable bank or other acceptable form of funds.

3) Technical and professional capacity

The Tenderer shall have completed at least 3 (three) projects with a minimum value of 2.0 million Euro each. The projects should be of similar nature as the Tendered Works, i.e. construction of sewerage networks (total length min. 10 km) or main collectors (min. OD 1,500, min. length 1.5 km). The works shall have been completed between 1st January 2000 and deadline for submission of this tender. The Tenderer must have provided at least 40% (by value) of the works and supplies directly (not through a subcontractor or a consortium partner). The Tenderer must submit copies of the respective certificates of final reception signed by the Engineer /Employer of these reference projects within his Tender.

The minimum qualifying criteria for a Consortium/Joint-Venture as Tenderer...
are as follows:

1) General
   a) All members in the Joint-Venture/Consortium must be firms or natural persons duly registered as per the national law and accordingly authorised to carry out the specified Works.

2) Economic and financial standing
   a) The **Annual Turnover** in the past three years 2003, 2004, 2005 (net of taxes, social security charges and other fiscal items) for the Lead Member must be at least 3.0 million Euro, and all the other members of the Joint-Venture/Consortium together (i.e. without Lead Member) must have an annual turnover (net of taxes and social security charges and other fiscal items) of at least 3.0 million Euro for each of the past three years (2003, 2004, 2005);

   b) **Sufficient liquid working capital** for financing the works. The Lead Member of a consortium/joint venture shall provide evidence of secured financing of not less than 1.0 million Euro, in form of cash at hand, secured irrevocable credit line granted by a reputable bank or other acceptable form of funds;

3) Technical and professional capacity

   In total, the members of the Joint-Venture/Consortium shall have completed at least 3 (three) projects with a minimum value of 2.0 million Euro each. The projects should be of similar nature as the Tendered Works, i.e. construction of sewerage networks (total length min. 10 km) or main collectors (min. OD 1,500, min. length 1.5 km). The works shall have been completed between 1st January 2000 and deadline for submission of this tender. The respective member of the Joint Venture/Consortium must have provided at least 40% (by value) of the works and supplies directly (not through a sub-contractor or a consortium partner). The Joint Venture/Consortium must submit copies of the respective certificates of final reception signed by the Engineer /Employer of these reference projects within his Tender.

   The Lead Member shall have completed at least one of the above-mentioned reference projects.

17. **Award criteria**

   **Price**

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**TENDERING**
18. How to obtain the tender dossier

The tender dossier is available from the address in point 5 above upon presentation of bank’s SWIFT demonstrating payment of EUR 100 (hundred), which excludes courier delivery to:

Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works
IBAN: BG86 BNBG 9661 3000 1663 01
SWIFT: BNBGBGSF

At the Bulgarian National Bank, Sofia, Bulgaria

The request for the Tender Dossier must clearly state, “Request for the Tender Dossier for Construction of sewer main collector I in Stara Zagora”.

Cash payments are not acceptable. The tender dossier may be received by hand or sent to tenderers upon request by courier service. All courier expenses will be borne by the Tenderer using his client account number from courier Service Company, which has to be clearly mentioned in the request.

The Tender Dossier is also available for inspection at the premises of the Contracting Authority, address as in point 5 above.

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

Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works
ISPA Implementing Agency, room 415
ul. “Sv. Sv. Kiril i Metodiy” No. 17-19,
Sofia 1202, Bulgaria
Attention of: Mrs. Yordanka Stoyanova - Director of ISPA IA

Fax: (+359 2) 988 15 41

(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 to the tender dossier will be published on the Contracting Authority’s Website at http://www.mrrb.government.bg.

Tenderers are strongly advised to consult these web-site regularly.

19. Deadline for submission of tenders

12.00 h local time on 12 February 2007 at the address in item 18.

Any tender received after this deadline will not be considered.
20. **Tender opening session**

*14.00 h local time on 12 February 2007* at the address in item 18.

21. **Language of the procedure**

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

22. **Legal basis**