SERVICE CONTRACT NOTICE

Expenditure verification of the project

Location - Chisinau/Republic of Moldova

1. Reference

COMINF/3.1/1-5.2

2. Procedure

Single tender

3. Programme title

Joint Operational Program Romania - Republic of Moldova for the ENI Cross-Border Cooperation Programme for the years 2014-2020/17.12.2015

4. Financing

Grant Contract no. 87467/28.06.2019

5. Contracting Authority

Ministry of Internal Affairs, represented by Information Technology Service, Republic of Moldova

CONTRACT SPECIFICATION

6. Nature of contract

Global price

7. Contract description

For the Proper financial management of the project, and conformation to the requirements of the Grant contract and EU regulations, the audit services for the project expenditure checks should be purchased. The auditor will have to follow the requirements related to expenditure verification as they are provided in the Grant Contract and its annexes.

The audit process should cover the expenditure evaluation all of the partners within the project and cover the period between the payments requests, total 3 audit periods.

8. Number and titles of lots

One lot only

9. Maximum budget

[MDL] 315 000

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CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

10. Eligibility

Participation is open to all natural persons who are nationals of and legal persons [participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) of tenderers] which are effectively established in a Member State of the European Union or in a eligible country or territory as defined under the Regulation (EU) N°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 (see also heading 22 below). Participation is also open to international organisations. All supplies under this contract must originate in one or more of these countries. However, they may originate from any country when the amount of the supplies to be purchased is below100, 000 euros per purchase.

11. Number of tenders

No more than one tender can be submitted by a natural or legal person whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or member of a consortium submitting a tender). In the event that a natural or legal person submits more than one tender, all tenders in which that person has participated will be excluded.

12. Grounds for exclusion

As part of the tender, tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the tender form, to the effect that they are not in any of the exclusion situations listed in Section 2.3.3. of the Practical Guide.

13. Sub-contracting

Subcontracting is not allowed.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

14. Provisional commencement date of the contract

02.05.2021

15. Implementation period of the tasks

No later then 31.12.2022

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

16. Selection criteria

The following selection criteria will be applied to the tenderers. In the case of tenders 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.

1) Economic and financial capacity of the tenderer (based on item 3 of the tender form). In case of tenderer 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

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been closed.

- 1-Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed must be at least 1. In case of a consortium this criterion must be fulfilled by each member.
- 2- The average annual turnover of the tenderer over the last three financial years must exceed EUR 15,000 (fifteen thousand euro);
- 2) Professional capacity of the tenderer (based on items 4 of the tender form).

The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years from submission deadline.

- has a professional certificate appropriate to this contract, such as ISO9001 or equivalent;
- at least 1 key expert certified in the Audit/Controller, staff currently work for the tenderer in fields related to this contract;
- make part from the list of certified/preselected auditors for the Join Operational Programme Romania-Republic of Moldova 2014-2020.
- <u>3) Technical capacity of candidate</u> (based on items 5 and 6 of the tender form). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years from submission deadline.
- the tenderer has provided services under at least 1 contract with a budget of at least that 3 000 000 Euro, which were successfully implemented at any moment during the last five years.

Previous experience which would have led to breach of contract and termination by a Contracting Authority shall not be used as reference. This is also applicable concerning the previous experience of experts required under a fee-based service contract.

An economic operator 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. It must in that case prove to the Contracting Authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for performance of the contract, for example by producing a commitment on the part of 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 - notably that of nationality - and must fulfil the same relevant selection criteria as the economic operator. 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 works or services for which these capacities are required. With regard to economic and financial criteria, the entities upon whose capacity the tenderer relies, become jointly and severally liable for the performance of the contract.

17. Award criteria

Best price-quality ratio.

TENDERING

18. Deadline for receipt of tenders

The deadline for receipt of tenders is specified in point 8 of the Instruction to Tenderers.

19. Tender format and details to be provided

Tenders must be submitted using the standard tender form for Competitive Negotiated

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Procedures, the format and instructions of which must be strictly observed. The tender form is available from the following Internet address: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?group=B, under the zip file called Simplified Tender dossier.

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

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?chapterTitleCode=A

Any additional documentation (brochure, letter, etc.) sent with a tender will not be taken into consideration.

20. How tenders may be submitted

Tenders must be submitted in English exclusively to the Contracting Authority, using the means specified in point 8 of the Instructions to Tenderers.

Tenders submitted by any other means will not be considered.

By submitting a tender tenderers accept to receive notification of the outcome of the procedure by electronic means.

21. Alteration or withdrawal of tenders

Tenderers may alter or withdraw their tenders by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of tenders. No tender may be altered after this deadline.

Any such notification of alteration or withdrawal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with point 8 of the Instructions to Tenderers. The outer envelope (and the relevant inner envelope if used) must be marked 'Alteration' or 'Withdrawal' as appropriate.

22. Operational language

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

23. Legal basis

- EU Regulation no. 232/2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument including all subsequent modifications and additions;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 897 /2014 of 18 August 2014 laying down specific provisions for the implementation of cross-border cooperation programmes financed under Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument including all subsequent modifications and additions;
- REGULATION (EU) No 236/2014 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 11March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing externai action including all subsequent modifications and additions including all subsequent modifications and additions;
- Commission Implementing Decision of 17.12.2015 approving the Joint Operational Programme including all subsequent modifications and additions;
- Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and

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- repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002, including all subsequent modifications and additions;
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union including all subsequent modifications and additions;
- REGULATION (EU) 2016/679 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation);
- Financing Agreement concluded between the Government of Republic of Moldova and the European Commission as of December, 2016;