

SERVICE CONTRACT NOTICE

Mobile Telecommunication Services No. 3 Pristina – Kosovo

Please note that the awarding of the contract is subject to the condition of:

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1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/135019/D/SER/XK/ Mobile Telecommunication Services No. 3 (PROC/449/13).

2. Procedure

Restricted

3. Programme

Council Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP of 04 February 2008, on the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, (hereafter “EULEX Kosovo”) as amended by JA 2009/445/CFSP and by Council Decision 2010/322/CFSP, Council Decision 2012/291/CFSP and Council Decision 2013/241/CFSP of 27 May 2013.

4. Financing

CFSP/2013/9/EULEX KOSOVO – Borchardt

5. Contracting Authority

The Head of EULEX Kosovo.

CONTRACT SPECIFICATION

6. Nature of contract

Global price framework contract.

The signature of the framework contract imposes no obligation on the Contracting Authority to spend the entire maximum available for this contract as estimated in Annex II i.e. Terms of

¹ See Paragraph 2.3.6 of Practical Guide to Contract procedures for EU external actions.
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/practical_guide/documents/2008new_prag_final_en.pdf

References of the Tender Dossier.

7. Contract description

The objective of this project is to establish a contract with a single provider catering for approximately 2 200 cellular phones to be used by EULEX staff for phone calls in and outside Kosovo.

8. Number and titles of lots

No, one lot only.

9. Maximum budget

450,000.00 EUR (per year).

10. Scope for additional services

The Contracting Authority may, at its own discretion, extend the project in duration and/or scope subject to the availability of funding up to a maximum not exceeding the length and value of the initial contract . Any extension of the contract would be subject to satisfactory performance by the Contractor.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

11. Eligibility

Participation is open to all legal persons participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) or tenderers which are established in a Member State of the European Union in an official candidate country, or a country that is a beneficiary of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance, in a Member State of the European Economic Area, a country of the Western Balkans region or a contributing third state, as authorized by Council Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP of 04 February 2008 on EULEX KOSOVO as amended by JA 2009/445/CFSP and Council Decision 2010/322/CFSP, Council Decision 2012/291/CFSP of 5th June 2012 and Council Decision 2013/241/CFSP of 27 May 2013). The 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.

12. Candidature

All eligible natural and legal persons (as per item 11 above) or groupings of such persons (consortia) may apply.

A consortium may be a permanent, legally-established grouping or a grouping which has been constituted informally for a specific tender procedure. All members of a consortium (ie, the leader and all other members) are jointly and severally liable to the Contracting Authority.

The participation of an ineligible natural or legal person (as per item 11) will result in the automatic exclusion of that person. In particular, if that ineligible person belongs to a consortium, the whole consortium will be excluded.

13. Number of applications

No more than one application 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 an application). In the event that a natural or legal person submits more than one application, all applications in which that person has participated will be excluded.

14. Shortlist alliances prohibited

Any tenders received from tenderers comprising firms other than those mentioned in the short-listed application forms will be excluded from this restricted tender procedure unless prior approval from the Contracting Authority has been obtained (see Prag 2.4.3.). Short-listed candidates may not form alliances or subcontract to each other for the contract in question.

15. Grounds for exclusion

As part of the application form, candidates must submit a signed declaration, included in the standard application form, to the effect that they are not in any of the exclusion situations listed in Section 2.3.3 of the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions

16. Sub-contracting

Subcontracting is allowed.

Maximum percentage of the contract value which may be subcontracted: 30 %.

17. Number of candidates to be short-listed

On the basis of the applications received, between 4-8 candidates will be invited to submit detailed tenders for this contract. If the number of eligible candidates meeting the selection criteria is less than the minimum of 4, the Contracting Authority may invite the candidates who satisfy the criteria to submit a tender.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

18. Provisional date of invitation to tender

January 2014

19. Provisional commencement date of the contract

May 2014

20. Initial period of implementation of tasks

The period for implementing the tasks is 12 months from the commencement date of the contract, although the contract may be terminated at short notice. (Article 19 of the special conditions of the contract included in the tender dossier).

The Contracting Authority may, at its own discretion, extend this framework contract in duration up to additional twelve (12) months by amendment to the present contract signed by both parties. Such an amendment shall be subject to a negotiated procedure according to 3.2.4.1 of the Practical Guide to Contract Procedures for EU external actions. The extension will be conditioned and limited by the Mission's mandate and to the availability of corresponding budgetary funds.

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

21. Selection criteria

The following selection criteria will be applied to candidates. In the case of applications submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole:

1) Economic and financial capacity of candidate:

In the case of the applicant being a public body equivalent information should be provided:

the average annual turnover of the candidate must exceed the annualized maximum budget of the contract.

2) Professional capacity of candidate:

1. has a professional certificate appropriate to this contract, such as a licence to provide mobile telecommunication services in Kosovo;
2. operates a GSM network covering at least 85 % of the population of Kosovo;
3. has at least 5 staff currently working for the applicant in fields related to this contract.

3) Technical capacity of candidate:

The candidate should have worked successfully on at least one (1) project providing mobile communication services to organizations (e.g. international organization or private company or public administration) with:

- a) more than six hundred (600) subscribers, and
- b) with a budget of at least that of this contract in fields related to this contract in the past 3 years (2010, 2011, 2012).

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. Some examples of when it may not be considered appropriate by the contracting authority are when the tenderers rely in majority on the capacities of other entities or when they rely on key criteria. If the candidate relies on other entities 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 an undertaking 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 and notably that of nationality, as the economic operator. Furthermore, the data for this third entity for the relevant selection criterion should be included in the tender in a separate document. Proof of the capacity will also have to be furnished when requested by the contracting authority.

If more than 8 eligible candidates meet the above selection criteria, the relative strengths and weaknesses of the applications of these candidates must be re-examined to identify the 8 best applications for the tender procedure.

The only factors which will be taken into consideration during the re-examination are:

- a.) the total amount (in EUR) of the value of projects completed in the last 3 years (2010, 2011, 2012).
- b.) in the case of equal number of projects, the number of projects related to this contract completed in the last 3 years (2010, 2011, 2012).

22. Award criteria

Best value for money.

APPLICATION

23. Deadline for receipt of applications

On **03 December 2013 at 15:00hrs**, (Kosovo time zone) at EULEX, Procurement Section, Main Warehouse Compound, Industrial Zone Veternik, (opposite Gorenje Hotel, next to fuel station), 10000 Pristina, Kosovo.

Any application received after this deadline will not be considered.

24. Application format and details to be provided

Applications must be submitted using the standard application form, the format and instructions of which must be strictly observed. The application form is available from the following Internet address: <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?group=B>

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

25. How applications may be submitted

Applications must be submitted in English exclusively to the Contracting Authority in a sealed envelope:

- EITHER by recorded delivery (official postal service) to :

EULEX Kosovo – Procurement Section
Main Warehouse Compound
Industrial Zone Veternik
(opposite Gorenje Hotel, next to fuel station)
10000 Pristina, Kosovo
E-mail: tenders@eulex-kosovo.eu

- OR hand delivered (including courier services) directly to the Contracting Authority in return for a signed and dated receipt to:

EULEX Kosovo – Procurement Section
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10000 Pristina, Kosovo
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The Contract title and the Publication reference (see item 1 above) must be clearly marked on the envelope containing the application and must always be mentioned in all subsequent correspondence with the Contracting Authority.

Applications submitted by any other means will not be considered.

26. Alteration or withdrawal of applications

Candidates may alter or withdraw their applications by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of applications. No application may be altered after this deadline.

Any such notification of alteration or withdrawal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with Item 25. The outer envelope (and the relevant inner envelope if used) must be marked 'Alteration' or 'Withdrawal' as appropriate.

27. Operational language

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

28. Date of publication of prior information notice

05 September 2013

29. Legal basis

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30. Additional information

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