

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

Montenegro

Rehabilitation of the Vrbnica-Bar railway line in Montenegro along the Main Belgrade-Bar Railway (SEETO Rail Route 4)

REHABILITATION OF 4 TUNNELS (SECOND GROUP) ON THE “VRBNICA – BAR” RAILWAY LINE IN MONTENEGRO

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Railway Infrastructure of Montenegro JSC - Podgorica (RIoM)/ Željeznička Infrastruktura Crne Gore AD - Podgorica (ŽICG), hereinafter referred to as “the Employer”, intends using part of the proceeds of a loan from the **European Investment Bank** (the Bank) towards the cost of **Rehabilitation of the Vrbnica-Bar railway line in Montenegro along the Main Belgrade-Bar Railway (SEETO Rail Route 4)** (Prior Information Notice: 2015/S 168-305816). The Project is financed in part also by WBIF Investment Grant.

The Employer now invites sealed tenders from contractors for the following contract to be funded from part of the proceeds of the loan: **Rehabilitation of 4 Tunnels (Second Group) on the “Vrbnica – Bar” railway line in Montenegro.**

Works will include: Rehabilitation of 4 Tunnels (Second Group) on the “Vrbnica – Bar” railway line in Montenegro: Tunnel 210 km 368+765,57 (L=165 m); Tunnel 211 km 369+090,57 (L=203 m); Tunnel 242 km 391+617,41 (L=352 m); Tunnel 247 km 395+248,53 (L=266 m)

The following works are envisaged: preparatory works; reprofiling tunnel lining; concrete works; reinforcement works; waterproofing of the tunnel lining; drainage works; other miscellaneous works. Technical solution for the tunnel lining rehabilitation, which should prolong the tunnel life and increase stability, or security during tunnel operation, is defined through the following work items: strengthening the existing concrete lining; rehabilitation of smaller partial damages of concrete lining; rehabilitation of the larger partial damages on the concrete lining; constructing a slit on the rings for water drainage; contact grouting between the rock mass and concrete lining; waterproofing; waterproofing protection; drainage construction along the whole tunnel, etc.

The contract will be implemented as per FIDIC Conditions of Contract for Construction for Building and Engineering Works Designed by the Employer, (Red Book), First Edition 1999.

Time for completion: 15 months (15 months for works plus 12 months for Defects Notification Period – DNP).

Alternative Tenders (Variants) shall not be permitted.

Suspensive Condition: The number of tunnels for rehabilitation depends on the availability of funds. At the time the Contract is awarded, the Employer reserves the right to decrease number of tunnels for rehabilitation to three or two.

A Contractor will be selected in accordance with the policies of the European Investment Bank detailed in the “Guide to procurement”, dated September 2018, which can be found at the following website: <http://www.eib.org/infocentre/publications/all/guide-to-procurement.htm>.

Tendering for contracts to be financed with the proceeds of a loan from the Bank is open to firms from any country.

To be qualified for the award of a contract, tenderers must satisfy the following minimum criteria (Note: Qualification criteria and submission of proof are described in more details in the tender documents):

Economic and financial capacity of candidate:

- **Minimum average annual turnover** for construction works in the past **3 financial years** cannot be lower than: **EUR 5.6 million.**

- Access to **lines of credit** or any other credit facilities, or other financial means, **of not less than: EUR 0.9 million.**

Technical and professional capacity of candidate:

- At least **1 contract** completed (similar to the proposed works) within the last five years, with a value of: **at least EUR 3 million (NET of VAT).**

Tenderer's Key Personnel [Key Personnel: Resident Site Manager, Assistant of the Site Manager, Expert for hidrology; Non-Key Personnel: Geology Engineer, Geotechnical Engineer, Responsible Expert for Closure Line, Electro Engineer (high voltage)] with appropriate qualifications, skills and experience (defined in the tender document).

Availability of the suitable equipment for the proposed contract (defined in the tender document).

A Pre-Tender meeting and a Site Visit will be organised on **16 November 2023 at 09:00** (more detailed in the Tender Document).

A complete set of Tender Documents may be obtained free of charge on the submission of an application (bearing the name of the project) to the below address. Instructions for downloading the electronic version of the tender documents from the ŽICG website will be provided to the applicants.

All tenders must be accompanied by a **tender security** of: **EUR 70,000.**

Tenders must be delivered to the office at the address below on or before **12:00-noon CET (Central European Time = Podgorica Time) on 14 December 2023** at which time they will be opened in the presence of those tenderers' representatives who choose to attend.

The Employer shall award the Contract to the tenderer whose offer has been determined to be the lowest evaluated Tender and is substantially responsive to the Tender Document, provided further that the tenderer is determined to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.

The Bank shall not provide or otherwise make funds available, directly or indirectly, to or for the benefit of an individual or entity that is subject to financial sanctions imposed by the EU¹, either autonomously or pursuant to the financial sanctions decided by the United Nations Security Council on the basis of Article 41 of the UN Charter.

Appeal mechanism and contact details for appeal are provided in the tender document.

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

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¹ Pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title V of the TEU and the objectives of the Common Foreign and Security Policy set out in Article 21 of the TEU and Article 215 of the TFEU.