

## **Additional information about the Contract Notice**

### **Contract title**

### **Upgrading of IT infrastructure for IT systems in Phytosanitary Information System – Podgorica, Montenegro**

**EC-ENEST/TGD/2025/EA-LOP/0096**

#### **1. Nature of contract**

Unit price

#### **2. Programme title**

Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance 2021-2027 (IPA III)

#### **3. Financing**

Financing Agreement concerning Annual Action Programme for Montenegro for 2021

#### **4. Legal basis, eligibility and rules of origin**

The legal basis of this procedure is Regulation (EU) No 2021/1529 establishing the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III). See Annex a2a1 of the practical guide.

For this contract award procedure, participation is open to all natural persons who are nationals of and legal persons (participating either individually or in a grouping – consortium – of candidates/tenderers) which are effectively established in a Member State of the European Union or in an eligible country or territory as defined under Article 11 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1529 establishing the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III).

Participation is also open to international and regional organisations.

All supplies under this contract may originate in any country.

#### **5. Candidature**

All eligible natural and legal persons (as per item 4 above) or groupings of such persons (consortia) may participate or tender.

A consortium may be a permanent, legally established grouping or a grouping which has been constituted informally for a specific procurement procedure. All members of a consortium (i.e., the leader and all other members) are jointly and severally liable to the contracting authority.

The participation or tender of an ineligible natural or legal person 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.

#### **6. Number of requests to participate or tenders**

No more than one request to participate or 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 request to participate or tender). In the event that a natural or legal person submits more than one request to participate or tender, all requests to participate or tenders in which that person has participated will be excluded.

In case of lots, the candidates or tenderers may submit only one request to participate or tender per lot. Contracts will be awarded lot by lot and each lot will form a separate contract. If the tenderer is awarded more than one lot, a single contract may be concluded covering all those lots.

7. N/A

**8. Sub-contracting**

Sub-contracting is allowed.

9. N/A

10. N/A

11. N/A

12. N/A

**13. Period of implementation of tasks**

The maximum duration of this contract is 9 months from the date notified by the contracting authority with at least 7 days notice and in any case no sooner than the date of entry into force and no later than 3 months after the signature of this contract and until the provisional acceptance.

**14. Language of the procedure**

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

**15. Additional information**

Financial data to be provided by the candidate in the request to participate form or the tenderer in the tender submission form must be expressed in EUR. If applicable, where a candidate or tenderer refers to amounts originally expressed in a different currency, the conversion to EUR shall be made in accordance with the InforEuro exchange rate of July 2025, which can be found at the following address: <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/graphs/inforeuro.html>.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

**16. Selection criteria**

Capacity-providing entities

An economic operator (i.e. candidate or tenderer) 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. If the economic operator 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 the performance of the contract by producing a commitment by 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 relying on them and must fulfil the selection criteria for which the economic operator relies on them. **Furthermore, the data for this third entity for the relevant selection criterion should not be included in the request to participate form but in a separate document.** Proof of the capacity will also have to be provided when requested by the contracting authority.

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 tasks for which these capacities are required.

With regard to economic and financial criteria, the entities upon whose capacity the economic operator relies, become jointly and severally liable for the performance of the contract.

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The following selection criteria will be applied to candidates or tenderer. **In the case of requests to participate or tender submission forms submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole, unless specified otherwise.** The selection criteria will not be applied to natural persons and single-member companies when they are sub-contractors.

The candidate or tenderer shall not use previous experience which caused breach of contract and termination by a contracting authority as a reference for selection criteria.

The selection criteria for each tenderer are as follows:

- 1) Economic and financial capacity** (based on item 3 of the request to participate form, or on item 3 of the supply tender submission form). In case the candidate or tenderer is 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 been closed.**

**Criterion 1: average annual turnover**

The candidate's or tenderer's average annual turnover of the **last 3 financial years** for which **the accounts have been closed** must be not less than **400,000 EUR.**

- 2) Professional capacity** (based on items 4 and 5 of the request to participate form for service contracts and on items 4 and 5 of the tender submission form for supply contracts). The reference period which will be taken into account will be **the last 3 years preceding the submission deadline.**
  - **Criterion 1:** the candidate or tenderer has, during the current year and the previous two years, on average, at least 3 personnel directly employed or otherwise legally contracted on a permanent or non-permanent basis in areas of specialist knowledge related to this contract.
  - **Criterion 2:** the candidate or tenderer is not subject to professional conflicting interests which may negatively affect contract performance. The presence of professional conflicting interests shall be examined on the basis of the statements made through the Declarations on Honour and, where applicable, the statements and other documents submitted.

- 3) Technical capacity** (based on item 6 of the request to participate form for service contracts and on item 6 of the tender submission form for supply contracts).

**Criterion:**

- The candidate or tenderer has completed supplies under at least **2 contracts** implemented at any moment during the last **four years** before submission deadline.
- For each contract, the value of the supplies completed must not be less than **80,000 EUR.**
- The completed supplies are in the domain of supply and delivery of computer hardware and other electronic devices.

This means that the contract the candidate or tenderer refers to could have been implemented at any time during the indicated period but it does not necessarily have to be completed during that period, nor implemented during the entire period. Candidates or tenderers are allowed to refer either to projects completed within the reference period (although started earlier) or to projects partially implemented during, but not yet completed within the reference period. Only the part completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. This part will have to be supported by documentary evidence (approval of report or deliverable, proof of payment, statement or certificate from the entity which awarded the contract) also detailing its value. If a candidate or tenderer has implemented the project in a consortium, the part that the candidate or tenderer has successfully completed must be clear from the documentary evidence (such as consortium agreement and bank transfers between consortium members), together with a description of the nature of the services provided/supplies delivered.

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