

Request for Proposal Information Systems (Design, Supply and Installation) (Without Prequalification)

Purchaser: **Montenegro Tax Administration**

Project: **SMART Tax Project**

Contract title: **VIES National Solution and EU Tax-Systems Integration**

Country: **Montenegro**

Loan No.: *to be determined*

RFP No: **MNE-STP- RFP-DSI-26-01**

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1. Montenegro **has applied** for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the SMART Tax Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for VIES National Solution and EU Tax-Systems Integration Information Solution. However, the funds will become available no earlier than March 2027. Consequently, no payments under the contract shall be made before March 2027.
2. The Technical Service Unit established within the Ministry of Finance of Montenegro now invites sealed Proposals from eligible Proposers for the following procurement. The purpose of the procurement is to acquire, from a qualified supplier, the design, development, integration, conformance testing, commissioning, and initial warranty-period operation of a *VIES National Solution and EU Tax-Systems Integration Information Solution*. This solution will enable Montenegro to exchange value-added-tax (VAT) information with the tax administrations of the European Union Member States from the day of accession, and will establish a reusable technical foundation for adjacent EU tax-information-exchange systems that share the same network, security, and operating model. The installation and commissioning shall be completed within 15 months, with deployment at the MTA Headquarters in Podgorica and at other designated locations nationwide.

To be qualified to compete for the contract, prospective Proposers must, inter alia, have acted as a prime supplier, management contractor, JV member, or subcontractor in at least two (2) contracts within the last five (5) years, each with a value of at least EUR 700,000.00. These contracts must have been successfully and substantially completed and be relevant to the proposed Information System.

These contracts must have been successfully and substantially completed and be similar to the proposed Information System. At least one contract must have involved a tax-administration IT system, and at least one must have involved integration with an EU tax-IT system and/or CCN/CCN2, VIES, or a comparable secure inter-administration message exchange (a single contract may satisfy both requirements).

3. The procurement process will be conducted through international competitive procurement using Request for Proposals (RFP) as specified in the World Bank's "*Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers*", latest edition ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Proposers as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
4. Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation process set out in the RFP documents. The following weightings shall apply for Rated Criteria (including technical and non-price factors): 60% and for Bid cost: 40%.
5. Interested eligible Proposers may obtain further information from **Technical Service Unit, Mr. Mirko Ljesevic**, electronic mail address: tsu@epa.org.me, and inspect the Request for Proposals document during office hours 10:00 to 15:00 hours at the address given below.
6. The Request for Proposals document in English may be purchased by interested eligible Proposers upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of EUR 100.
 - Payment shall be made to: The Ministry of Finance of Montenegro
 - Account No.: 832-1109-71
 - Purpose of payment: Tender document purchase fee

The document will be sent via email as a non-editable PDF attachment to the email.

7. Proposals must be delivered to the address below on or before **September 14, 2026** at 10:00 hours local time. Electronic procurement will not be permitted. Late Proposals will be rejected. The outer Proposal envelopes marked "ORIGINAL PROPOSAL", and the inner envelopes marked "TECHNICAL PART" will be publicly opened in the presence of the Proposers' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below. All envelopes marked "FINANCIAL PART" shall remain unopened and will be held in safe custody of the Purchaser until the second public Proposals opening.
8. All Proposals must be accompanied by a Proposal-Securing Declaration.
9. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful Proposer's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the request for proposal document.
10. The address referred to above is:

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