



Republic of Serbia

Government

Working group for the implementation of the selection of a strategic partner for the implementation of the project of the construction of self-balancing large-capacity solar power plants with battery systems for the storage of electricity in the Republic of Serbia

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SUBJECT: Clarification regarding the Public Call for the selection of a strategic partner for the execution of the project of construction, excluding operation and maintenance, of self-balancing high-capacity solar power plants with battery systems for electricity storage in the Republic of Serbia

In accordance with the Public Call, we are issuing the following answers to the questions submitted:

Questions and clarifications published on the website of the Ministry

The public invitation states that the interested party may request additional information or clarifications regarding bid preparation the Government Working Group, as well as that the Working Group will publish the answer on the website of the Ministry of Mining and Energy within 5 working days.

Please send us the link to that section of the website.

Answer:

When confirming e-mail receipt, the link will be simultaneously sent to the interested party.

Question No.1

Language

Since, in our case it is a consortium of international companies, all documentation will be originally prepared in English.

Is it sufficient to attach all documentation only in English?

The official translation into Serbian of all statements signed by the consortium, financial institutions and technological partners (companies that manufacture the relevant equipment) will not be an issue because these documents are a few pages long, individually.

However, since we will be also sending attached to these statement the documentation that was originally prepared in English, which will contain several hundred pages (audited

financial statements, reports on preliminary works, etc.), and which in total will exceed several thousand pages.

Please confirm that it is not necessary to translate these attachments, and that bilingual text (English-Serbian) is expected only for the statements that are submitted.

Answer:

It is sufficient that the statements, certificates by the contracting authorities and certificates by the competent authorities which are foreseen in the Public Invitation are bilingual, and the other documentation does not have to be translated into the Serbian language.

Question No: 2.

Bid Bond

Please provide us with a bank guarantee form that is acceptable for the Republic of Serbia.

Answer:

The Government Working Group has not predefined the form of the bid bond. It is necessary to submit an irrevocable, unconditional, payable at the first call without the right of objection, bid bond in accordance with Article 1087 of the Law on Contracts and Torts.

Question No: 3.

Article 5, par. 3, point 9

"the Bidder shall submit a statement on the completed preliminary works on the development of the project, for solar power plants and battery systems for the storage of electricity, which in terms of capacity should be equal to or higher than the capacity of the Project." The report or reports on the performed preliminary works shall be submitted in electronic form on a CD that is part of the bid;

Please clarify additionally whether you are referring to the sites that are located exclusively on the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

Answer:

Yes, this refers to the sites located on the territory of the Republic of Serbia that the bidder is considering as potential locations for the implementation of this project.

Question No: 4.

Article 5, par. 3, points 10 and 11

At the end of these two points, the meaning of contracts of the same or similar nature is clarified:

"'Contracts of the same or similar nature' will mean the contracts whose subject matter is the provision of services for the development and construction of solar photovoltaic power plants, and which were concluded for the needs of power companies."

Please clarify:

- a) Does this refer to power companies that are majority owned by the state or any companies, including private ones (independent producers of electricity)?
- b) Does the subject matter of the contract refer only to the development and construction of power plants, or, in the same manner as this public call, it implies a "Turn-key" model (development, financing arrangements, engineering, equipment procurement, construction, personnel training, etc.)?

Answer:

- a) It refers to any electricity company, including private ones.
- b) The contract model is intended for the development and construction of power plants. If the bidder has references for turnkey projects, they will also be recognized.

Question No: 5.

Article 6, par. 4, point 4(3) to be harmonized with Article 5, par.8, item 6.3

Both Articles mention the nominal efficiency of the inverter. In Article 6 it is required that the minimum value must be at least 95% and in Article 5 a minimum value of 98.5% is expected.

Please clarify which of these two values will be relevant.

Answer:

The relevant value is 98.5%. If the Bidder has fulfilled the mandatory conditions, i.e. the criteria that represent the basis for exclusion, the special criteria will be evaluated by providing maximum score points to the best value of the individual criterion that represents the basis for evaluating the bid, the Bidder with the worst value of the individual criterion will score 0 points, while other Bidders will be evaluated proportionally in relation to the range between the highest and lowest value of that criterion.

Question No: 6.

Article 6, par. 4, point 2.5 - for the number of assembly technicians - at the end of that sentence it says (minimum 10 engineers).

Answer:

A minimum of 10 assembly technicians are required as stipulated in the condition

These responses are an integral part of the Public Call.

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