**Additional information about the Contract Notice**

**“SUPPLY OF ITC EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONING OF THE SCIENTIFIC LABORATORIES OF THE BLUE GROWTH RESEARCH CENTRE AT “PROF.  D-R ASEN ZLATAROV” UNIVERSITY OF BURGAS”**

**<** **Burgas, Burgas District, Bulgaria>**

1. **Nature of contract**

Unit price

1. **Programme title**

Interreg-IPA CBC Programme Bulgaria-Turkey Programme 2014-2020, CCI No 2014TC16I5CB005

1. **Financing**

Interreg-IPA CBC Programme Bulgaria-Turkey Programme 2014-2020, CCI No 2014TC16I5CB005, Restricted Call for Strategic Project Proposal No 2014TC16I5CB005 - 2020 -3, Subsidy contract No РД-02-29-170/09.10.2021

1. **Eligibility and rules of origin**

All supplies under this contract may originate from any country.

1. **Candidature**

All eligible natural and legal persons (as per item 4 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 partners of a consortium (i.e., the leader and all other partners) are jointly and severally liable to the contracting authority.

The participation 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.

1. **Number of applications or tenders**

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

In case of lots, the candidates or tenderers may submit only one application or tender per lot. Contracts will be awarded lot by lot and each lot will form a separate contract.

Tenders for parts of a lot will not be considered. Tenderers may not submit a tender for a variant solution in addition to their tender for the works or supplies required in the tender dossier.

Any tenderer may state in its tender that it would offer a discount in the event that its tender is accepted for more than one lot.

1. **Tender guarantee**

No tender guarantee is required.

1. **Performance guarantee**

No performance guarantee required.

1. **Information meeting and/or site visit**

No information meeting is planned

1. **Tender validity**

Tenders must remain valid for a period of 3 months after the deadline for submission of tenders. In exceptional circumstances, the contracting authority may, before the validity period expires, request that tenderers extend the validity of tenders for a specific period.

1. **Shortlist alliances prohibited – Not Applicable**
2. **Grounds for exclusion**

Candidates or tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the application form or tender form, to the effect that they are not in any of the situations listed in Section 2.6.10.1 of the **practical guide (PRAG).** Where the candidate or tenderer intends to rely on capacity providing entities or subcontractor(s), he/she must provide the same declaration signed by this/these entity(ies).

Candidates or tenderers included in the lists of EU restrictive measures (see Section 2.4. of the PRAG) at the moment of the award decision cannot be awarded the contract.

1. **Sub-contracting**

Sub-contracting is allowed.

1. **Number of candidates to be short-listed - Not applicable**

On the basis of the applications received, between 4 and [for service contracts: 8][for works contracts: 6] 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. If the number of eligible candidates meeting the selection criteria is more than the maximum allowed, the contracting authority will rank them using the re-examination criteria stated below.

1. **Provisional date of invitation to tender**

06.12.2021

1. **Provisional commencement date of the contract**

18.02.2022

1. **Period of implementation of tasks**

90 days from contract signature until the provisional acceptance



**SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA**

1. **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 if not specified otherwise. The selection criteria will not be applied to natural persons and single-member companies when they are sub-contractors.

The selection criteria for each tenderer are as follows:

**1)** **Economic and financial capacity** **(**based on item 3 of the service application form, on item 3 of supply tender form). In case of candidate being 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.

* the average annual turnover of the tenderer over past three years **must exceed** the value of the Tenderer’s Financial offer.

**2)** **Professional capacity** (based on items 4 and 5 of the application form for service contracts and on items 4 and 5 of the tender form for supply contracts). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years preceding the submission deadline.

Criteria for legal persons:

* at least **1 staff** currently work for the tenderer in fields related to this contract;

Criteria for natural persons:

* is currently working as manager/team-leader or collaborator in fields related to this contract.

**3) Technical capacity** (based on items 5 and 6 of the application form for service contracts and on items 5 and 6 of the tender form for supply contracts). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years from submission deadline.

The candidate has provided services or supplies under at least **1 contract** in the fields similar related to this contract which was implemented at any moment during the reference period: **3 years** from the submission deadline.

This means that the contract the candidate refers to could have been started 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 are allowed to refer either to projects completed within the reference period (although started earlier) or to projects not yet completed. Only the portion satisfactorily completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. This portion will have to be supported by documentary evidence (statement or certificate from the entity which awarded the contract, proof of payment) also detailing its value. If a candidate has implemented the project in a consortium, the percentage that the candidate has successfully completed must be clear from the documentary evidence, together with a description of the nature of the services provided if the selection criteria relating to the pertinence of the experience have been used.

Capacity-providing entities

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. 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 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 comply with the selection criteria for which the economic operator relies on them. Furthermore, the data for this third entity for the relevant selection criterion should be included 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.

1. **Award criteria**

Price



**APPLICATION AND TENDERING**

1. **How to obtain the tender dossier**

The tender dossier is available from “Prof. D-r Asen Zlatarov” University of Burgas with address: 1 Prof. Y. Yakimov str. Burgas, Burgas District, Bulgaria and is published on the website of the Contracting authority with address: <https://www.btu.bg/index.php/bg/obsht-porachki-bg-m/profil-na-kupuvacha-m-bg/7-bulgarian-bg/900-blue-growth-itc-2-bg>  and on the website of the Programme with address: <http://www.ipacbc-bgtr.eu/bg/public-tenders>.

Tenders must be submitted using the standard tender form included in the tender dossier, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed.

Any request for additional information must be made in writing through the following email [sgenieva@btu.bg](mailto:sgenieva@btu.bg) at the latest 21 days before the deadline for submission of tenders given in item ‘**Deadline for submission of tenders’**.

Clarifications will be published at the latest 11 days before the submission deadline on website of the Contracting authority with address: <https://www.btu.bg/index.php/bg/obsht-porachki-bg-m/profil-na-kupuvacha-m-bg/7-bulgarian-bg/900-blue-growth-itc-2-bg> and on the website of the Programme with address: http://www.ipacbc-bgtr.eu/bg/public-tenders.

1. **Tender opening session**

19/01/2022, “Prof. D-r Asen Zlatarov” University of Burgas with address: 1 Prof. Y. Yakimov str. Burgas, Burgas District, Bulgaria, Administrative building

1. **Applications 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: <https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/document.do?isAnnexes=true>

The application must be accompanied by a declaration on honour on exclusion and selection criteria using the template available from the following Internet address: <https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/document.do?isAnnexes=true>

Any documentation (brochure, letter, etc.) sent with an application in addition to what has been requested will not be taken into consideration.

1. **How applications may be submitted**

Applications must be submitted in English exclusively to the contracting authority in a sealed envelope.

* Either by post or by courier service, in which case the evidence shall be constituted by the postmark or the date of the deposit slip, to:

“Prof. D-r Asen Zlatarov” University, 1 Prof. Y. Yakimov str., 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria

* OR hand delivered by the participant in person or by an agent directly to the premises of the contracting authority in return for a signed and dated receipt, in which case the evidence shall be constituted by this acknowledgement of receipt they should be delivered to the following address:

“Prof. D-r Asen Zlatarov” University, 1 Prof. Y. Yakimov str., 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria

From 9.00-17.00

The contract title and publication reference (see contract notice) 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.

By submitting an application, candidates accept to receive notification of the outcome of the procedure by electronic means. Such notification shall be deemed to have been received on the date upon which the contracting authority sends it to the electronic address referred to in the application form.

1. **Deadline for submission of applications**

The candidate’s attention is drawn to the fact that there are two different systems for sending applications: one is by post or private mail service, the other is by hand delivery.

In the first case, the application must be sent before the date and time limit for submission, as evidenced by the postmark or deposit slip[[1]](#footnote-1), but in the second case it is the acknowledgment of receipt given at the time of the delivery of the application that will serve as proof.

**The deadline for submission of applications can be found in the Contract Notice under IV.2.2.**

Any application sent to the contracting authority after this deadline will not be considered.

The contracting authority may, for reasons of administrative efficiency, reject any application submitted on time but received, for any reason beyond the contracting authority's control, after the effective date of approval of the short-list report, if accepting applications that were submitted on time but arrived late would considerably delay the evaluation procedure or jeopardise decisions already taken and notified.

1. **Alteration or withdrawal of applications**

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

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

1. **Language of the procedure**

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

**28. Legal basis**[[2]](#footnote-2)

* Regulation(EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action and Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) – IPA II Regulation;
* Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 447/2014 of 2 May 2014 on the specific rules for implementing Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) - IPA II Implementing Regulation;
* Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on specific provisions for the support from the European Regional Development Fund to the European territorial cooperation goal;
* Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 481/2014 of 4 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to specific rules on eligibility of expenditure for cooperation programmes;
* Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012
* Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006;
* Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012;
* Interreg-IPA CBC Programme Bulgaria-Turkey Programme 2014-2020, CCI No 014TC16I5CB005, approved by the European Commission with Decision № C (2015) 5280 of 22nd of July 2015.

**29. Additional information**

Financial data to be provided by the candidate in the standard application form or the tenderer in the tender form must be expressed in EUR. If applicable, where a candidate refers to amounts originally expressed in a different currency, the conversion to EUR/ BGN shall be made in accordance with the InforEuro exchange rate of December 2021, which can be found at the following address: <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/graphs/inforeuro.html>.

1. It is recommended to use registered mail in case the postmark would not be readable. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Please state any specificity that might have an impact on rules on participation (such as geographic or thematic or long/short term). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)