

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
SECOND TRADE AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION PROJECT
LOAN No.: 4854-BUL

IFB No.: I-1/III-2/G/BP/DOCEQ
SUPPLY OF SURVEILLANCE AND DOCUMENTS CHECKING EQUIPMENT

Date: May 21, 2008

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in *Development Business*, issue no. 677 of April 30, 2006.
2. The Republic of Bulgaria has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of Second Trade and Transport Facilitation Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the Contract "Supply of Surveillance and Documents Checking Equipment".
3. The Ministry of Finance through the Project Implementation Team (PIT) is implementing the project and now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply and installation of the following Goods:

Lot 1: "Supply of Mobile Checking Equipment"

- Mobile PCs – 70
- Rugged Mobile PCs – 45
- Portable PC – 15
- Desktop PC – 5
- Multifunctional Color Printer / Color Scanner / Color Copier – 4
- Multifunctional B/W Printer / Color Scanner / B/W Copier – 10
- UPS 2KVA – 10
- Back-up Power Supply – 6

Lot 2: "Supply of OCR Equipment"

- OCR type 1 – 40
- OCR type 2 – 18

Lot 3: "Supply of Documents Checking Equipment"

- Zoom Stereo Microscope – 14
- Digital Camera – 14
- Criminal Suitcase – 14
- Gas Detector – 10
- Portable Kit for Documents Checking – 14
- Narcotic Identification Set – 14
- Video Spectral Comparator – 4

Lot 4: "Supply of Surveillance Thermo Vision System"

- Stationary Surveillance Thermo Vision System – 4

Lot 5: "Supply of PABX Equipment"

- PABX – 4
- Digital System Telephones with Extra Key Panel – 120
- Dispatcher Workstation Terminal – 4

Bidders are allowed, at their option, to bid for any or more Lots under this ICB. Each Lot shall be evaluated and contract awarded separately to the Bidder offering the lowest evaluated price for each Lot. Bidders must bid for all the items and in the quantities specified in the List of Goods and Related Services for each Lot, furnished in Section VI, Schedule of Requirements of the Bidding Documents.

4. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, current edition published in May 2004, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.

5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from PIT and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address No.1 given below from 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM Sofia time.

6. Qualifications requirements (financial capacity, experience and technical capacity of the Bidder) for each of the five Lots are specified in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria of the Bidding Documents.

For the purposes of establishing Bidder's qualifications, the financial and technical capacity of any Subcontractor will not contribute to the Bidder's qualifications.

A margin of preference for certain goods manufactured domestically shall not be applied.

7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address No.1 below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Euro three hundred (300) or its Bulgarian Lev equivalent, inclusive of VAT.

(a) For Bidders from within Bulgaria, please credit the equivalent of Euro three hundred (300) in Bulgarian Lev to the following bank account of Ministry of Finance:

Bulgarian National Bank
1, Knyaz Alexander I Sq.
Sofia 1000, Bulgaria
IBAN: BG35 BNBG 9661 3000 1484 01
BIC: BNBG BGSD

The Bidding Documents can be taken by hand at the address No.1 below on presenting the copy of the bank's transfer statement.

(b) For Bidders from outside Bulgaria, please remit the equivalent of Euro three hundred (300) to the following bank account of Ministry of Finance:

Bulgarian National Bank
1, Knyaz Alexander I Sq.
Sofia 1000, Bulgaria
IBAN: BG35 BNBG 9661 3000 1484 01
BIC: BNBG BGSF
Deutsche Bank
Frankfurt 10092334950000
IBAN: DE53 5007 0010 0923 3495 00
S.W.I.F.T. code DEUTDEFF

After sending to the address No.1 below a copy of the bank's transfer statement, indicating the Bidder's name and its address the PIT will forward the Bidding Documents by courier.

Bank charges for the transfer are to be paid by the ordering customer.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address No.1 below at or before 11.00 AM Sofia time on July 3, 2008. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address No.2 below at 11.00 AM Sofia time on July 3, 2008.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security. The amount of Bid Security shall be:

Lot 1 – Euro three thousand (3,000) or its equivalent
Lot 2 – Euro four thousand (4,000) or its equivalent
Lot 3 – Euro two thousand (2,000) or its equivalent
Lot 4 – Euro twelve thousand (12,000) or its equivalent
Lot 5 – Euro one thousand and five hundred (1,500) or its equivalent

Bidders shall submit an aggregate Bid Security if they bid for more than one Lot under this ICB.

9. The addresses referred to above are:

Address No.1:

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1040 Sofia, Bulgaria
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