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CONTRACT NOTICE - UTILITIES

SECTION I: CONTRACTING ENTITY

I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S)

Official name: "ICGB" AD

Postal address: Lyulin District, "Lyulin" 2, Pancho Vladigerov Boulv, No. 66

Town: Sofia **Postal code:** 1336

Country: Bulgaria

Contact point(s): Telephone: +359 29396404

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Internet address(es) (if applicable)

General address of the contracting entity (URL):

Address of the buyer profile (URL):

Further information can be obtained at:

- As in above-mentioned contact point(s)
- Other: please complete Annex A.I

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained at:

- As in above-mentioned contact point(s)
- Other: please complete Annex A.II

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:

- As in above-mentioned contact point(s)
- Other: please complete Annex A.III

I.2) MAIN ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES OF THE CONTRACTING ENTITY

- Production, transport and distribution of gas and heat
- Electricity
- Exploration and extraction of gas and oil
- Exploration and extraction of coal and other solid fuels
- Water
- Postal services
- Railway services
- Urban railway, tramway, trolleybus or bus services
- Port-related activities
- Airport-related activities

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3. Preparation of documentation for procurement procedures (Detailed Description of the Subject of Procurement, technical specifications, model tender, draft contract, instructions to tenderers and selection criteria, draft time schedule) for line pipe supply and LLI contracts, and EPC contract; provision of assistance in preparation and conduct of procurement procedures, including through participation in relevant evaluation commissions.

The main technical components of the IGB Project are: ~ 168.5km, of which ~140 km in Bulgaria, 28" (~700 mm) diameter high pressure natural gas transmission pipeline between Komotini in Greece and Stara Zagora in Bulgaria; pigging facilities; block valve stations; metering / pressure regulating stations; dispatching centre and O&M base; integrated control and telecommunication systems; and all other elements, systems and facilities to support the infrastructure.

Relevant Feasibility Study results for the IGB Project will be provided to the Contractor.

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II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

	Main vocabulary	Supplementary vocabulary (if applicable)
Main object	71320000	
Additional object(s)	71322200	
	71313400	

II.1.7) Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

yes no

II.1.8) Division into lots (for information about lots, use Annex B as many times as there are lots)

yes no

If **yes**, tenders should be submitted for

one lot only

one or more lots

all lots

II.1.9) Variants will be accepted

yes no

II.2) QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope (including all lots and options, if applicable)

The Services cover a comprehensive scope for the Project.

(a) In respect to the FEED services, the services cover the following project-wide scope: definition of design basis; selection of codes and standards; system hydraulics and process design; definition of operation, inspection, maintenance and repair philosophy; systems availability analysis; specification of pre-commissioning, commissioning and start-up activities; materials selection, specification and material take-off; full Project Cost Estimate; sparing philosophy; design of process and safety control systems; HAZID and HAZOP studies; risk assessments (including seismic hazard assessment); permitting support; interface coordination; execution planning and scheduling; tender documents for procurement of line pipes and other long lead items, and EPC.

Specifically for the pipeline (including associated pigging facilities and block valve stations), the scope of services covers route assessment and selection, surveying; pipeline mechanical design; anti corrosion design; pipe coatings; design of crossings and pipeline protection measures; specification of pipeline components; stability and stress analysis; construction specifications; route alignment sheets; and other electrical, instrumentation and control and civil design as appropriate to the pipeline.

Specifically for the stations, dispatching centre and O&M base, the scope of services covers (as appropriate) site selection and surveying ; process design; instrumentation and controls design; mechanical and piping design; electrical design; civil design; and buildings design. The design also includes consideration of the provisions to be made in order to enable the future installation of a compressor station.

Specifically for the integrated control and telecommunication systems, the scope of services covers functional specifications; screen layout design; report formats; equipment specification; system interfacing; SCADA system design; pipeline monitoring system; and telecommunications system design.

Services shall include preparation of a Detailed Spatial Plan - Parcelling Plan (in Bulgaria) and cadastral drawings (in Greece) for the pipeline and relevant technological sites. The Contractor shall be responsible for land acquisition, on behalf of the Contracting Entity, for the relevant technological sites (e.g. valve stations, cathodic protection stations, pig station) in Bulgaria, including ownership identification and all activities necessary for land purchase or arrangement of unlimited construction rights.

(b) In respect to the Environmental Impact Assessment services, the services cover: in accordance with applicable legislation, preparation of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and the respective Reports for the IGB pipeline sections, respectively in Bulgaria and in Greece, which will be submitted to relevant national authorities for issuance of environmental permits for the Project. The services will include assistance in the procedure, incl. in the required public consultation and completion of permit application procedure before Greek and Bulgarian environment authorities.

(c) The services shall include preparation of documentation and provision of assistance for subsequent procurement procedures within the Project: procurement documentation for line pipe supply and other long lead items contracts, and EPC contract (Detailed Description of the Subject of Procurement, technical specifications, model tender, draft contract, instructions to tenderers and selection criteria, draft time schedule); provision of

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assistance in preparation and conduct of procurement procedures, including participation in relevant evaluation commissions.

If known, estimated value excluding VAT (if applicable; give figures only): 2 500 000,00 Currency: EUR

OR Range: between and Currency:

II.2.2) Options (if applicable)

yes no

If yes, description of these options:

If known, provisional timetable for recourse to these options:

in months: OR days: (from the award of the contract)

Number of possible renewals (if any): OR Range: between and

If known, in the case of renewable contracts, estimated time-frame for subsequent calls for competition:

in months: OR days: (from the award of the contract)

II.3) DURATION OF THE CONTRACT OR TIME LIMIT FOR COMPLETION

Duration in months: 13 or days: (from the award of the contract)

OR Starting (dd/mm/yyyy)

Completion (dd/mm/yyyy)

FEED, EIA, arrangement of approvals, preparation of documentation for procurement procedures regarding natural gas Interconnector Greece–Bulgaria(IGB Project)**SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION****III.1) CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT****III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required (if applicable)**

A performance guarantee shall be submitted upon signature of the contract amounting to 5 % of the total contract value in EURO, in the form of bank guarantee or a deposit.

Additional details will be set out in the instructions to tenderers, respectively in the draft Contract- part of the documentation for participation in the procedure.

III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them (if applicable)

As per terms and conditions set out in the documentation for participation in the procedure, including draft Contract.

III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the grouping of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded (if applicable)

Candidates may be either an individual physical person or legal entity or a grouping of them. If the contract is awarded to a grouping of legal or physical persons, a legal form will be required by the grouping.

Legal formation will be required prior to contract signature , but is not required for this call for participation or the subsequent negotiation.

The grouping shall submit proof in written form that agreement within the grouping has been reached in relation to participation in the present procedure.

In the case of a grouping, members of the grouping would have joint and several liability towards the Contracting Entity concerning participation in both the selection procedure and any contract that may be awarded as a result of it.

III.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject (if applicable)

yes no

If yes, description of particular conditions:

The Contractor shall be licensed to perform relevant engineering design activities and evidence, if necessary, the ability to use licensed local subcontractors as per the requirements of the Spatial Development Act and secondary legislation (Bulgaria) and any relevant laws in Greece (as applicable).

The Contractor shall comply with all requirements in Bulgaria and in Greece (as applicable) to carry out Environmental Impact Assessment activities as required under the Environmental Protection Act and relevant secondary legislation (Bulgaria) and any relevant laws in Greece (as applicable).

III.2) CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**III.2.1) Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

Candidates, including each member of a grouping, are required to submit the following:

a) original (or notarized copy) of a certificate of current corporate registration (certificate of good standing) indicating the current legal status and representation of the candidate issued by the relevant competent authority of the country of incorporation. If the certificate is issued in a language different from English, a certified translation in the English language shall be required

b) power of attorney of the person signing the request (original, certified by a notary) – such document shall be submitted when the request (as well as other documents therein) have not been signed by the person/s representing the company as per the certificate of current corporate registration, but by a dully authorised representative;

c) declaration on behalf of the candidate that :

i) It has not been convicted for anything related to its professional integrity and behaviour.

ii) It has not committed a serious professional misdeed.

iii) It is not in a state of bankruptcy, under liquidation, obligatory management, compromise, or any other similar situation resulting from a similar procedure and that no procedure has been instigated against the economic

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operator for declaration in bankruptcy, obligatory management, compromise or any other similar situation or resulting from any other similar procedure.

d) list of sub-contractors if such are envisaged, along with the share of their participation in the execution of the assignment.

III.2.2) Economic and financial capacity

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met (*if applicable*):

The candidate shall provide as evidence of its sound financial and economic standing:

- the annual financial statement (certified copy) or one of its constituent parts (for the last completed financial year) when its publication is required by the legislation of the country of incorporation;
- overall turnover during the last three financial years and the turnover regarding the services being the subject of the procurement. For the purpose of qualification, sound financial and economic standing shall be proven on the basis of joint average annual turnover of the relevant candidate ,for the services which are subject of the procurement, to the amount, as a minimum, of 6 000 000 euro.
- professional liability insurance in respect of design engineering works (certified copy) as per Art.171, parag. 1 of Bulgarian Spatial Development Act.

In case the candidate is non-Bulgarian, he shall submit an equivalent insurance issued in the respective country. In case of a grouping, all members shall provide evidence of their financial and economic standing. The requirement on minimum turn-over shall apply to the grouping as a whole.

III.2.3) Technical capacity

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met (*if applicable*):

Each candidate, or the economic operators within a grouping (as a whole), shall submit a list of its/their principal service contracts which have been successfully executed in the last three (3) years. The list of contracts shall state the value of the respective contracts, contract starting and end dates, name of the client, references from the client.

As per the requirements set out in the documentation for participation, Candidates shall demonstrate experience in execution of a contract/contracts of comparable scale, technical scope and complexity over the last three (3) years. Candidates shall demonstrate knowledge of applicable laws and regulations, including applicable in Bulgaria and Greece, as well as EU laws and regulations, for the realization of such natural gas and natural gas infrastructure projects

Candidates invited to tender must demonstrate a track record of a high level of capability in all following fields:

- a) engineering and design of cross-country high pressure natural gas pipeline projects;
- b) engineering and design of high pressure regulating and metering station projects;
- c) engineering and design of gas pipeline compression stations;
- d) design of integrated control and telecommunication systems for natural gas pipelines;
- e) gas pipeline route alignment, land identification, ownership and land acquisition;
- f) environmental impact assessment (Bulgaria and Greece).

In order to prove experience, the abovementioned list of contracts shall as a rule include at least one completed common contract comprising the services within the subject of the present procurement procedure, or completed individual contracts covering the whole scope of required services. Contracts in the process of execution may also be included in the cited list.

For the purpose of qualification, the above mentioned list shall comprise contracts of the Candidate and contracts of sub-contractors indicated by him

Candidates shall not rely on the track record of other entities, except in relation to the experience of subcontractors or members of the grouping,

In the case of applications submitted by a grouping, these requirements are applied to the grouping as a whole. Each Candidate or member of the grouping shall submit documents indicating its profile, structure, organization and infrastructure, as well as:

- A declaration about the average annual number of workers and employees and about the number of managerial staff for the last three years.
- Proof of access to available suitable resources who can perform and coordinate the respective essential activities (Environmental Impact Assessment, Detailed Spatial Plan- Parceling Plan and Technical Design on the territory of Bulgaria and Greece) within the subject of the procurement.

Candidates or members of the grouping shall evidence compliance with all regulatory requirements in Bulgaria and in Greece (as applicable) to carry out the services related to completing the subject of the contract under II.1.5)

The Contracting Entity shall consider any other information deemed relevant by the candidate in order to prove its technical capacity in relation to the services.

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All documents that have been written in languages other than those indicated in IV.3.5) shall be accompanied by a translation in English. Submitted documents issued by a competent authority outside Bulgaria must be accompanied by a certified translation in English.

III.2.4) Reserved contracts (if applicable)

- yes no
- The contract is restricted to sheltered workshops
- The execution of the contract is restricted to the framework of sheltered employment programmes

III.3) CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO SERVICES CONTRACTS**III.3.1) Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession**

- yes no

If yes, reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision:

requirement for license – please refer to III.1.4, and III.2.3

III.3.2) Legal persons should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service

- yes no

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SECTION IV: PROCEDURE

IV.1) TYPE OF PROCEDURE

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

- Open
 Restricted
 Negotiated

Candidates have already been selected

- yes no

If yes, provide names and addresses of economic operators already selected under Section VI.3) Additional Information

IV.2) AWARD CRITERIA

IV.2.1) Award criteria (please tick the relevant box(es))

- Lowest price** OR **The most economically advantageous tender in terms of**
 (the award criteria should be given with their weighting or in descending order of importance where weighting is not possible for demonstrable reasons)
 the criteria stated in the specifications or in the invitation to tender or to negotiate

Criteria	Weighting	Criteria	Weighting
1.		6.	
2.		7.	
3.		8.	
4.		9.	
5.		10.	

IV.2.2) An electronic auction will be used

- yes no

If yes, additional information about electronic auction (if appropriate)

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IV.3) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting entity (if applicable)

IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract

yes no

Periodic indicative notice

Notice on a buyer profile

Notice number in OJ: _____ of _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents (except for a DPS)

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents

Date: _____ (dd/mm/yyyy) Time: _____

Payable documents

yes no

If yes, Price (give figures only): _____ **Currency:** _____

Terms and method of payment: _____

IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: **10/02/2011** (dd/mm/yyyy) Time: **12:00**

IV.3.5) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up

ES CS DA DE ET EL EN FR IT LV LT HU MT NL PL PT SK SL FI SV BG GA RO

Other: _____

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yes no

If **yes**, estimated timing for further notices to be published:

VI.2) CONTRACT(S) RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY COMMUNITY FUNDS

yes no

If **yes**, reference to project(s) and/or programme(s):

European Energy Programme for Recovery

VI.3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(if applicable)*

- 1) Candidates shall be obliged to send their signed and stamped requests to participate to the indicated address of the Contracting Entity in the following form: one original and one identical copy;
- 2) The Contracting Entity reserves the right not to invite the Candidates who do not comply with all requirements under point III.2 to tender;
- 3) Until expiry of the deadline for submission of requests to participate, each candidate can amend or supplement his submission;
- 4) Candidates who are invited to tender will be required to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the specific staff responsible for the services. These details are not required at this stage but candidates must demonstrate access to appropriate staff;
- 5) Written questions from the candidates in relation to the current Contract Notice can be sent to the indicated contact points - at the latest 10 calendar days before the deadline for submission of requests to participate.
- 6) European Energy Programme for Recovery of the EU will co-finance part of the current assignment.

VI.4) PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL**VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures**

Official name: "ICGB" AD
Postal address: Lyulin District, "Lyulin" 2, Pancho Vladigerov Boulv, No. 66
Town: Sofia Postal code: 1336
Country: Bulgaria
Email: Telephone:
Fax: +359 29396504
Internet address (URL):

Body responsible for mediation procedures *(if applicable)*

Official name:
Postal address:
Town: Postal code:
Country:
Email: Telephone:
Fax:
Internet address (URL):

VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals *(please fill heading VI.4.2 OR, if need be, VI.4.3)*

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals:

- In respect of the Contract Notice - within 10 calendar days following publication;
- In respect of pre-selection of candidates to be invited to tender- within 10 calendar days following notification of the results of the pre-selection;
- In respect of Contract award - within 10 calendar days following notification about the selected Contractor.

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VI.4.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained

Official name: "ICGB" AD

Postal address: Lyulin District, "Lyulin" 2, Pancho Vladigerov Boulv, No. 66

Town: Sofia

Postal code: 1336

Country: Bulgaria

Email:

Telephone:

Fax: +359 29396504

Internet address (URL):

VI.5) DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE:*12/01/2011 (dd/mm/yyyy)*

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ANNEX A**ADDITIONAL ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINTS****I) ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINTS FROM WHICH FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED**

Official name:

Postal address:

Town:

Postal code:

Country:

Contact point(s):

Telephone:

For the attention of:

Email:

Fax:

Internet address (URL):

II) ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINTS FROM WHICH SPECIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING DOCUMENTS FOR A DYNAMIC PURCHASING SYSTEM) CAN BE OBTAINED

Official name:

Postal address:

Town:

Postal code:

Country:

Contact point(s):

Telephone:

For the attention of:

Email:

Fax:

Internet address (URL):

III) ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINTS TO WHICH TENDERS/REQUESTS TO PARTICIPATE MUST BE SENT

Official name:

Postal address:

Town:

Postal code:

Country:

Contact point(s):

Telephone:

For the attention of:

Email:

Fax:

Internet address (URL):

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ANNEX B

INFORMATION ABOUT LOTS

LOT NO TITLE

1) SHORT DESCRIPTION

2) COMMON PROCUREMENT VOCABULARY (CPV)

	Main vocabulary	Supplementary vocabulary (if applicable)
Main object		
Additional object(s)		

3) QUANTITY OR SCOPE

If known, estimated value excluding VAT (if applicable; give figures only):

Currency:

OR Range: between

and

Currency:

4) INDICATION ABOUT DIFFERENT DATE FOR DURATION OF CONTRACTOR STARTING/COMPLETION

(if applicable)

Duration in months:

or days:

(from the award of the contract)

OR Starting

(dd/mm/yyyy)

Completion

(dd/mm/yyyy)

5) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT LOTS