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**Greece-Heraklion: Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis
2014/S 053-089241**

Contract notice – utilities

Services

Directive 2004/17/EC

Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) **Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

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Specifications and additional documents (including documents for a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from: The above mentioned contact point(s)

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to: The above mentioned contact point(s)

I.2) **Main activity**

Production, transport and distribution of gas and heat

I.3) **Contract award on behalf of other contracting entities**

The contracting entity is purchasing on behalf of other contracting entities: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) **Description**

II.1.1) **Title attributed to the contract by the contracting entity:**

Feasibility study for the Eastern Mediterranean Pipeline.

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Services

Service category No 27: Other services

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Eastern Mediterranean Basin, Cyprus, Crete, Peloponnese, Western Greece.

NUTS code CY0,GR43

II.1.3) Information about a public contract, a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4) Information on framework agreement

II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s):

The Contract covers the provision of Feasibility Study services for the Eastern Mediterranean Pipeline project.

The main technical components of the project are :

- i) an offshore pipeline stretching from Eastern Mediterranean sources to Cyprus (≈ 150 km), including the onshore pipeline to Compressor Station;
- ii) a Compressor Station in Cyprus;
- iii) a fiscal Metering Station in Cyprus;
- iv) an offshore pipeline to Crete Island (≈ 630 km), including the onshore pipeline to the Compressor Station;
- v) a Compressor Station in Crete at the suction side of the gas pipeline;
- vi) a fiscal Metering Station in Crete;
- vii) an offshore pipeline from Crete Island to Peloponnese (≈ 405 km);
- viii) an onshore pipeline crossing Peloponnese (≈ 260 km), from the receiving point (South Peloponnese to Achaia Prefecture);
- ix) a Compressor Station in the Peloponnese Prefecture (the location to be defined by the Engineer);
- x) an offshore pipeline crossing the Gulf of Patras;
- xi) an onshore pipeline crossing Western Greece (≈ 220 km), to the Thesprotia area;
- xii) a Compressor Station in the Western Greece region (the location to be defined by the Engineer).

Initial nominal gas capacity is approximately 8 bcm/year. The principal objective of the Feasibility Study is to make through an exhaustive technical and economical evaluation the required design decisions of the most advantageous solutions and to develop the Eastmed project to a level that will allow the Client to tender and effectively control a FEED contract, which will follow. The performed studies prior to the Feasibility (i.e. pre-feasibility study), will be available only to the successful bidder.

The Contract also includes the preparation of the bid documents for the performance of a Reconnaissance Marine Survey, the Client's support during the qualification phase, the supervision of marine survey services and the review of documents to be produced by the marine survey contractor.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

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II.1.7) Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

II.1.8) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope:

The key tasks referred in the scope of services, indicatively include:

- identification of the route,
- description of the main routing characteristics,
- design bases,
- sizing of the PROJECT elements,
- graphical sketches and/or drawings as required,
- highlights on risk and construction problems,
- appraisal of Health, Safety and Environmental (HSE), operational and authorization viability,
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report,
- project execution approach, contract strategy and planning,
- estimation of relevant CAPEX and OPEX with a $\pm 25\%$ accuracy,
- time scheduling,
- Geohazard analysis.

II.2.2) Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3) Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.3) Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 12 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions relating to the contract

III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required:

During the second stage of the Tender, the selected candidates will be required to provide:

- a Participation guarantee issued by one or more banks lawfully operating within member states of EU or European Economic Area (EEA), in accordance with the draft included in the Tender Documents. If the text of the letter of guarantee is written in any other language than Greek or English, it should be accompanied by an official translation either in Greek or English.
- A performance guarantee, amounting to 10 % of the total value of the contract, upon signature of the contract, issued by one or more banks which are lawfully operating within member states of EU or European Economic Area (EEA), in accordance with the draft included in the Tender Documents. If the text of the letter of guarantee is written in any other language other than Greek or English, it should be accompanied by an official translation either in Greek or English.

III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:

Co-financing from European funding such as through Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Funds, is under consideration.

Payment Conditions will be set out in the Instructions to Tenderers

III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:

Greek or foreign companies or Joint Ventures or Consortiums of companies, under the conditions referred to in paragraph III.2 below.

If the contract is awarded to a grouping of economic operators, the legal form required by the grouping shall be :

- a main Contractor to whom the contract is awarded with named subcontractors for whom the main Contractor is responsible, or

- a Joint Venture of economic operators, or
- a Consortium of economic operators.

In the case of a Joint Venture or Consortium of companies, a preliminary agreement for the formation of the Joint Venture or Consortium of companies (not necessarily issued by a Public Notary) is sufficient at the stage of submitting a tender and binds the parties in case of awarding the contract.

For signing the contract, the articles of incorporation of the Joint Venture or Consortium of companies issued in accordance with law will be required.

Any Joint Venture or Consortium of companies that participates in the Tender has to appoint as leader one of the companies/members comprising the Joint Venture or the Consortium of companies.

A company which participates as a member of the Joint Venture or Consortium of companies has no right to participate in the Tender individually.

III.1.4) **Other particular conditions:**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular conditions: 1. The Tender is governed by the Laws of Greece which shall be applicable in general to all relations between DEPA and the Bidders, regardless of their nationality. Any dispute shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Law Courts of Athens.

The Contract to be signed shall be subject to the provisions of the Law No 3310/2005 as amended by the Law No 3414/2005 for the "Transparency and avoidance of violations during contracting procedure "

2. The conditions of the Contract will be set out in the Instructions to Bidders that will be delivered to candidates selected to tender.

3. DEPA will bear no responsibility or obligation whatsoever to indemnify and/or to compensate the Bidder for any expense or loss incurred for the preparation and submission of the Bid, in particular, in case the Inquiry is adjourned or annulled or cancelled at any stage and time and for any reason whatsoever,

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 the requirements are met: It is anticipated that the Tender will take place in two stages. In the first stage a qualification of the candidates will take place on the basis of the criteria described here below. In the second stage the qualified candidates will be invited to submit their full tenders.

The participants shall be Engineering Companies registered according to the EC Legislation, or European Economic Area (E.E.A.) Country, or State with Association agreement with E.U., having the right to participate in Public Sector's Tenders, or Joint Ventures / Consortia of such companies, with the prerequisite the sole company which participates in the Bid or each member of the Joint Venture / Consortium which participates in the Bid (as applicable), to submit the following documents:

— Registration Document from an official Professional Institution in compliance with Law of the country where the base or a legally operating department of the company is established. The document shall declare the capability of the company to undertake relevant services. In the absence of such document, it will be replaced by a declaration on oath, or in case that such a declaration is not foreseen, declaration in front of judicial or administrative authority, notary public or competent professional body, in the country of origin or registration of the companies.

— Company Statute, according to the legislation of the country where the company is registered.

— Extracts from judicial records or failing this, equivalent documents issued by the competent Judicial or Administrative authorities of the country of origin or in case that the respective country does not issue the above documents or certificates, these can be replaced by an affidavit of the participating company and in case such a

procedure is not provided for, by a declaration given before any judicial or administrative authority, Public Notary or competent professional organization, which would state that its representatives have not been prosecuted for any crime related to its/their business activity, practice or integrity e.g. professional misconduct, fraud, misappropriation of funds etc.

— Minutes of the board of directors, resolving the participation in the Tender and the appointment of a Legal Representative (including full contact details of the Legal Representative).

— Declaration of the acceptance for the appointment by the Legal Representative.

— Pre-agreement in the case of a Joint Venture or Consortium of companies, in accordance with paragraph III.1.3 above.

In case that any of the above documents is not prepared in English Language, said document shall be accompanied by official translation in English.

The Contracting Entity reserves the right to exclude from invitation to tender any Candidate that it reasonably considers has or may have a conflict of interest with the objectives of the Contracting Entity and/or the Eastern Mediterranean pipeline project.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Each participating company, or in case of Joint Venture or Consortium of companies each member, must submit:

— Certificates issued by the competent authority of the respective country or in case that this country does not issue the above certificates, these can be replaced by an affidavit of the participating company and in case such a procedure is not provided for, by a declaration given before any judicial or administrative authority, Public Notary or competent professional organization, which would state that:

i) The company is not in a state of bankruptcy, under liquidation, obligatory management, compromise, or any other similar situation resulting from a similar procedure and that on procedure has been instigate against the company for declaration in bankruptcy, obligatory management, compromise or resulting from any other similar procedure.

ii) All obligations relating to payment of the social security contributions have been fulfilled in compliance with the legislation of the country where it has its seat

i) All obligations relating to payment of taxes have been fulfilled in compliance with the legislation of the country where it has its seat

— details of the economic background of the company including full sets of accounts for the last three (3) years,

— bank certifications which verify its financial standing.

In case that any of the above documents is not prepared in English Language, said document shall be accompanied by official translation in English.

The Contracting Entity reserves the right to request clarifications or additional information in relation to the above documents. The participants will have a period of five working days from receipt of the relevant request to reply in writing to the requested clarifications/additional information. In case they do not reply, the Contracting Entity may consider the tender incomplete and reject it.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Candidates shall demonstrate to have a proven experience and references for Feasibility Study services and Front End Engineering Design (FEED) services of Natural Gas projects and knowledge of applicable codes and laws for the realization of such kind of projects.

Candidates selected to tender must themselves demonstrate a track record of a high level of capability in all requested fields.

Specifically they have to submit their own track record of contracts, for Feasibility Study services and Front End Engineering Design (FEED) services, which have been successfully executed the last ten (10) years, for the following type of projects:

- offshore high pressure natural gas projects (indicating water depth, pipeline diameter, total length, design pressure, budget of the project),
- onshore high pressure natural gas projects (indicating pipeline diameter, total length, design pressure, budget of the project),
- compressor station (indicating design pressure, wattage (power), budget of the project),
- high pressure regulating and/or fiscal metering stations (indicating design pressure, flow capacity per hour, budget of the project).

stating also analytically the contract number, starting and completion date of the contract, brief description of contract's scope, Project title, initial budget and final cost of the contract, name of the Client, references from the Client.

Any Candidate that has not undertaken at least one contract of comparable scale, technical scope and complexity over the last ten years which covers all the above mentioned fields shall not be selected to tender.

More specifically, the candidates shall have in total the below mentioned experience during the last ten years:

1. An elaborated FEED study of a single high pressure onshore pipeline minimum 200 km length, minimum nominal diameter 30", design pressure 80 bar, which includes at least one compressor station and one metering and regulating station.
2. An elaborated FEED study of a single high pressure offshore pipeline minimum 200 km length, minimum nominal diameter 24", approximately 2 000 m water depth.
3. Supervision of Reconnaissance Marine Survey activities.
4. Evaluation/Analysis of geohazards (subcontractor's experience will be accepted).
5. Performance of Environmental Impact Assessment Studies in similar gas projects (subcontractor's experience will be accepted).

Candidates who are selected to tender shall routinely and regularly perform services of the same nature as those to be tendered and shall be widely recognized as providers of such services.

Candidates shall demonstrate compliance of their QHSE management systems with recognized standards, otherwise they shall not be selected to tender. Candidates shall therefore demonstrate compliance either by submission of valid certification or by other reasonable means.

Each sole company that participates in the Bid or each member of the Joint Venture/Consortium that participates in the Bid (as applicable), have to submit documents indicating:

- Candidate's profile, structure, organization and infrastructure, as well as the offered Services and Technologies,
- Number of engineers permanently employed, as well as lists of candidate's personnel, who are suitably qualified for the performance of onshore and offshore Feasibility Study and FEED,
- Any other information considered helpful to the pre-qualification.

Documents that have been written in other languages than English will be accompanied by an official translation in English. During the Tender evaluation procedure, it is possible Candidates to be invited to present their qualifications in a meeting at the offices of the Contracting Entity, at their own expense.

The Contracting Entity reserves the right to request clarifications or additional information in relation to the above documents. The participants will have a period of five (5) working days from receipt of the relevant request to reply in writing to the requested clarifications/additional information. In case they will not reply, the Contracting Entity may consider the tender incomplete and reject it.

III.2.4) Information about reserved contracts

III.3) Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2) Staff responsible for the execution of the service

Legal persons should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service: no

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Type of procedure

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Restricted

IV.2) Award criteria

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The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications or in the invitation to tender or to negotiate

IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3) Administrative information

IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting entity:

DEPA'S TENDER 743/14/PD

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

no

IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 1.4.2014 - 17:00

Payable documents: no

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

16.4.2014 - 14:00

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

Greek. English.

IV.3.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

IV.3.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) Information about European Union funds

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes

Reference to project(s) and/or programme(s): The Eastern Mediterranean pipeline project (Eastmed Pipeline) has been labeled as a Project of Common Interest (PCI) status according to provisions of EU Regulation 347/2013.

The project is currently promoted by the Public Gas Corporation of Greece (DEPA SA) in cooperation with the Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism of the Republic of Cyprus.

DEPA has been in contact with the producing countries as well as with companies of the Levantine Basin and is considering their significant involvement (financial, commercial) in this project.

At the same time co-financing from European funding such as through Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Fund, is under consideration.

VI.3) Additional information:

The evaluation criteria of the most economically advantageous Tender, as well as the weighting of them will be communicated to the selected Candidates (2nd Stage).

2. The Tenders will be exclusively submitted (subject to rejection otherwise) in EURO.

3. The present Contract Notice has been published also in English language in the Official Journal of the European Union and will be posted on DEPA's Web site (<http://www.depa.gr>)

4. There is no specification or additional document at this stage. Instructions to Tenderers will be issued to Candidates who are selected to tender.

5. Candidates shall make their submissions for the first stage (expression of Interest), in three copies, to the address indicated in Section I.1.

6. The Contracting Entity may include also other sponsors according to its definite financial structure. DEPA as a Contracting authority may at any stage of the procedure be substituted by a special purpose vehicle in which DEPA would participate. DEPA will promptly notify the participants of such substitution.

7. For Development & Technical issues contact:

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VI.4) Procedures for appeal

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

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VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: The appeals are submitted in accordance with the provisions of Greek law 3886/2010 (Government Gazette 173 A') and the E.C Directive 89/665/E.C (Government Gazette no 178/ 8.9.1977) (L 395) the E.C. Directive 92/13/E.C (February 25th 1992, L 76) as amended with the E.C Directive 2007/66/E.C of December 11th 2007 (L 335).

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

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VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**
10.3.2014