

Minutes of the Clarifications meeting

Reference is made to Provision of construction works on the Booster Pipeline from Žujince to the Reservoir “Loši Izvori”, in the Municipality of Preševo, Republic of Serbia_UNOPS-NFYS-2020-W-004 e-sourcing ITB/2020/16026

Date: 22 September 2020
Time: 12:00 - 14:00h
Place: Preševo Municipal Building, Maršala Tita 36, Preševo, Serbia.
(Upon a short meeting in front of the Preševo Municipal Building the site visit to village Žujince and reservoir “Loši Izvori” in village Oraovica were conducted).

Three companies were present at the pre-bid /clarifications meeting and site visit. Two companies have announced their presence through the evaluation clarification tab, as stated in the tender document. One company, originally based in Presevo, also arrived on time and apologize for not announcing their presence through eSourcing system explaining that this is the first time that they are dealing with UNOPS tender platform and they could not manage to send the confirmation of participation on time and through tender platform..

UNOPS representatives find the reason reasonable and allowed participation.

UNOPS representatives confirm that in the tender Document section file ITB_Section_II_ReturnableBidSchedules. contain “Typo” mistake in the eSourcing tender number. Instead of ITB/2020/15128(UNOPS-NFYS-2020-W-004) the ITB/2020/**16026** (UNOPS-NFYS-2020-W-004) should apply, therefore revised ITB Section II will be uploaded very soon and all bidders are advised to use revised form when submitting the offer.

The following questions were discussed and clarified:

- Question:** If the bidder submits the lowest price, no matter if could not fulfil other tender conditions, will this bidder be selected ?

Answer: NO. The selected bidder must fulfill all formal, qualification and technical tender requirements and provide the lowest total price. Evaluation method stipulated in the tender is : Lowest priced substantially compliant offer
- Question:** The Bidder shall provide a Letter of Intent to issue bank guarantee for performance and the successful Bidder shall provide Bank Guarantee for performance for the total contract amount. Could you please clarify, are Letter of intent and bank guarantee refers to the UNOPS part only or for total works listed in the ITB Section IV Schedule of rates_Presevo Municipality & UNOPS?

Answer: The Bidder shall provide a Letter of Intent to issue bank guarantee for performance and successful Bidder shall provide Bank Guarantee for performance only for the UNOPS part of works/contract. This tender requirement will be changed accordingly and therefore the deadline for offer submission will be extended for additional 6 days.
(Municipality of Presevo will issue their own contract and define the contract conditions related to the Bank Guarantee and possible advance payment which might be covered with additional Bank guarantee).

Note: Submitted Letter of Intent to issue bank guarantee for performance could be, according to the positive bank practice in Serbia, obligatory or non obligatory.

3. **Question:** Is it allowed to submit reference letters from the clients issued to the main contractor a few years old with a general statement that the contractor fulfills all contractual obligations, not precisely stipulated that reference was prepared for the participation in the UNOPS tender ?

Answer: Yes. The bidder may submit reference letters from the clients issued to the main contractor with a general statement that the contractor fulfills all contractual obligations. Submitted reference letters will not be accepted if they were issued for some other tender process conducted form another company/institution if this is clearly stated in the letter.

UNOPS reserves the right to contact and check all reference letters and documents submitted.

4. **Question:** Are all necessary decisions on construction works/permits in place?

Answer: Yes, Building permit for works is in place and other conditions are met, so the contractor will be able to start with the works upon signing the contract.

Belgrade, 23 September 2020