

CLARIFICATIONS TO TENDERERS QUERIES

Reconstruction and modernization of existing railway line and construction of the second track railway Belgrade-Nis, Stalac - Djunis Section. Lot 2.

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<p>Question No 37: In the prequalification document form 2 "FINANCIAL CAPACITY", the financial details in current year of our company are requested, but we do not have related data and documents of current year for now so shall we predict it as the estimated statistics of the next two years?</p>	<p>Answer No 37: Please note that as per Clause 18, Point 1) certified financial statements for relevant years, with an independent audit report are requested for relevant years, i.e. for the last three financial years for which accounts have been closed.</p>
<p>Question No 38: In applform, how to fill Invitation for Tender No. and Pre-qualification No, which are not given in the pre-qualification document.</p>	<p>Answer No 38: Please use the following wording: "Invitation for Tender for Lot 2: Reconstruction and modernization of existing railway line and construction of the second track railway Belgrade-Nis, Stalac - Djunis Section", and, "Pre-qualification for Lot 2: Reconstruction and modernization of existing railway line and construction of the second track railway Belgrade-Nis, Stalac - Djunis Section", respectively.</p>
<p>Question No 39: We have well noted that an invitation for tender has been published on EBRD web site (https://www.ebrd.com/work-with-us/procurement/p-pn-220718a.html) ; as well as on TED web site (https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:323154-2022:TEXT:EN:HTML&tabId=1) We are very much interested with the tender; so we kindly would like to ask how we can participate in the procedure? On Serbian Railways web site, we have realized public content such as an application form, a contract notice and clarifications to bidders. (https://infrazs.rs/medjunarodne-nabavke/) Will we gather the complete PQQ file right after we submit the duly signed and filled application form? Is the procedure goes forward like this? Could you please advise the steps required to be registered in system and gather PQQ file?</p>	<p>Answer No 39: In order to participate in the pre-qualification process, you will need carefully review the contract notice and complete the application forms provided. You will need to follow the instructions provided in the contract notice.</p>
<p>Question No 40: SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA, 18. Selection criteria, 3) Technical capacity of the candidate, 3.1. General construction experience</p>	<p>Answer No 40: The selection criteria remain unchanged.</p>

<p>As Design and Build projects for railway construction/ reconstruction/ modernization in required value are not usual, especially in Europe, could requirement be changed into experience in Design and Build project over 100mill Eur, on the construction of linear infrastructure (highway, railway).</p>	
<p>Question No 41: We kindly ask you to consider an extension of time for tender preparation, i.e. to postpone the application submission for additional at least 15 days in order to allow us to prepare our best application, taking into account restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are facing problems with timely collection of certificates and documentation, due to reduced number of employees of our reference Clients/Contracting Authority and Authorities because of COVID and holidays. Considering the above limitation, we hereby request to extend the application submission for competitive participation thus reducing overall project cost and delivery of best and latest available practice.</p>	<p>Answer No 41: Please see Corrigendum No. 1 to the TENDER DOSSIER published on SRI website on 29th July 2022.</p>
<p>Question No 42: We are very keen to participate in the forthcoming tender: Lot 2: Reconstruction and modernization of existing railway line and construction of the second track railway Belgrade-Nis, Stalac-Djunis Section, Ref. No: EIB-GtP/1/2021/3.4-2 Works Contract Notice defines the Deadline for receipt of applications as 04 August 2022. After detailed market research, we have come to a conclusion that very few companies can meet the selection criterium defined under Article 3.1 of the Works Contract Notice that requires from the applicant to have experience as a contractor in execution of a contract with at least 100 million EUR value, completed in accordance with FIDIC Design & Build Contract (Yellow Book). This is further confirmed by the Clarifications to Tenderers Queries issued on 15.07.2022 where there is a large number of questions and clarifications from interested companies referring to this selection criterium because of its specific and hardly achievable requirement. The Contracting Authority clearly states in their answers that the requirements will stay the same. It is noted in the Practical Guide on Contract Procedure for European Union External Action (PRAG) that the period for submission must be sufficient to guarantee the quality of tenders and so permit truly competitive tendering, which is also in accordance with the</p>	<p>Answer No 42: Please see Corrigendum No. 1 to the TENDER DOSSIER published on SRI website on 29th July 2022.</p>

<p>interests of the Contracting Authority to receive offers from most qualified candidates. Given everything mentioned above, as well as the impact of the holiday season and the strict reference requirements, we kindly ask you to approve an extension of time for application submission until August 26, 2022, in order to allow us more time to find and select partners who meet the criterium that refers to FIDIC Design & Build Contract (Yellow Book) and participate in this procurement.</p>	
<p>Question No 43: We request you to kindly provide extension of at least 4 weeks beyond the schedule submission date of PQD application i.e. 4 August 2022.</p>	<p>Answer No 43: Please see Corrigendum No. 1 to the TENDER DOSSIER published on SRI website on 29th July 2022.</p>
<p>Question No 44: We kindly ask you to consider an extension of time for PQ tender preparation, i.e. to postpone the tender submission for additional 21 days in order to allow us to prepare our best offer, taking into account the complexity and scope of the documents that are subject of this tendering procedure.</p>	<p>Answer No 44: Please see Corrigendum No. 1 to the TENDER DOSSIER published on SRI website on 29th July 2022.</p>
<p>Question No 45: With respect to above PQ Submission deadline 4th Aug'2022, we kindly request to postpone the submission of the application for at least 30 days to 4 September 2022. Our request is motivated by difficult geopolitical situation related to the war in Ukraine and also simultaneously the holiday period throughout Europe. Many employees of our company, as well as our JV partners , suppliers and subcontractors are on holiday and are not able to present. Due to the fact that all documents have to be submitted in English jointly with a sworn translation, the Contracting Authority should takes into consideration, that it also takes a lot of time to thorough preparation this part of the offer. We strongly believe, that postponing the submission application will be beneficial for the Contracting Authority, as it will allow all contractors to submit more advantageous bids. We kindly request to postpone the submission of the application for at least 30 days to 4 September 2022. Looking forward for your optimistic response.</p>	<p>Answer No 45: Please see Corrigendum No. 1 to the TENDER DOSSIER published on SRI website on 29th July 2022.</p>
<p>Question No 46: We are glad to know on the above-mentioned prestigious project through the notification for international bidders on European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) website on 18th July 2022 <attached>. EBRD Link: https://www.ebrd.com/work-with-us/procurement/p-pn-220718a.html</p>	<p>Answer No 46: Please note that the official publication on our website (https://infrazs.rs/medjunarodne-nabavke/) and in TED (https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:323154-2022:TEXT:EN:HTML&src=0) was dated 17 June 2022. Also, please see Corrigendum No. 1 to the TENDER DOSSIER published on SRI website on 29th July</p>

We are keen on participating in this project, but the submission date of 4th August 2022 is considerably very short. Hence, we request you to kindly consider extending the submission date by 15 days so that it will help us in preparing and partnering appropriately for this international project.

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Please note that the period for clarification expired on 11 August 2022. Any queries received after the expiry date will not be responded.