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GE-Tbilisi: provision of emergency medical services to EUMM Georgia

2010/S 157-241794

Location: Europe (non-EU) — Georgia (GE)

Service procurement notice

Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):

Main object:

85143000 Ambulance services

1. **Publication reference:**

EuropeAid/130023/C/SER/GE.

Internet address:

General address of the contracting authority: <https://www.eumm.eu>

2. **Procedure:**

Restricted.

3. **Programme:**

Common Foreign and Security Policy: implementation of Council Joint Actions for European Monitoring Mission in Georgia: Council Joint Action 2008/736/CFSP of 15.9.2008 as amended by Council Joint Action 2010/424/CFSP of 26.7.2010.

4. **Financing:**

Budget line 190303 of the General Budget of the European Union.

Contract CFSP/2008/29/EUMM Georgia — Haber between the European Commission and the Head of the European Union Monitoring Mission in Georgia.

Tender procedure under suspension clause: this pre-information notice is issued before the financing decision or the signature of the financing agreement between the Commission and the recipient. The award of the contract is subject to the conclusion of the financing agreement and therefore, to the allocation of the corresponding funds.

5. **Contracting authority:**

European Union, represented by the European Commission, on behalf of and for the account of the beneficiary countries.

6. **Nature of contract:**

Fee-based.

7. **Contract description:**

With this contract a full, continuous and efficient provision of emergency medical services to ensure medical cover on a permanent basis (24/7) for EUMM staff during field operations, i.e. to support each patrol with 1 full equipped ambulance, manned with driver (trained in the application of sound and solid first aid support, preferably a paramedic) and physician (for long patrols, mainly within safe and secure environment within the EUMM Georgia AOR), and to support each patrol with 1 fully equipped physician (with trauma kit) on board of one of the EUMM patrol vehicles within secure environment and/or if there are no more ambulances with crew at its disposal. The maximum number of ambulances is 13 out of which 10 are permanently deployed ambulances (Mtskheta, Gori, Sachkhere and Zugdidi), 1 stand-by ambulance in Tbilisi and 2 flexible

ambulances to be used all over the EUMM's AOR and upon requirement by the EUMM while giving 24 hrs notice. The number of physicians is 5 out of which 2 are flexible physicians to be used all over the EUMM's AOR and upon requirement by the EUMM while giving 24 hrs notice and 2 are permanently based in Zugdidi and 1 will be permanently being based in Gori. These deployment applications as described herewith can change in short notice and are subject to operational requirements of the EUMM and therefore the service provider will have to be flexible in the redeployments to other locations of both, the permanent ambulances and the permanent physicians. The contractor should provide basic and advanced first aid training to EUMM staff members.

8. **Numbers and titles of lots:**

The contract is divided into lots: no, 1 lot only.

9. **Budget:**

Maximum budget: 1 800 000 EUR.

10. **Scope for additional services:**

The contracting authority may, at its own discretion, extend the project in duration and/or scope, subject to the availability of funding, up to a maximum not exceeding the length and value of the initial contract. Any extension of the contract would be subject to satisfactory performance by the contractor.

Conditions of participation

11. **Eligibility:**

Participation is open to all legal persons (participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) of candidates) which are established in a Member State of the European Union or in a country or territory of the regions covered and/or authorised by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed (see also item 30 below). Participation is also open to international organisations. The participation of natural persons is governed by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed.

12. **Candidature:**

All eligible natural and legal persons (as per item 11 above) or groupings of such persons (consortia) may apply. A consortium may be a permanent, legally-established grouping or a grouping which has been constituted informally for a specific tender procedure. All members of a consortium (i.e., the leader and all other members) are jointly and severally liable to the contracting authority.

The participation of an ineligible natural or legal person (as per item 11) will result in the automatic exclusion of that person. In particular, if that ineligible person belongs to a consortium, the whole consortium will be excluded.

13. **Number of applications:**

No more than 1 application can be submitted by a natural or legal person whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or member of a consortium submitting an application). In the event that a natural or legal person submits more than 1 application, all applications in which that person has participated will be excluded.

14. **Shortlist alliances prohibited:**

Any tenders received from tenderers comprising firms other than those mentioned in the shortlisted application forms will be excluded from this restricted tender procedure. Shortlisted candidates may not form alliances or subcontract to each other for the contract in question.

15. **Grounds for exclusion:**

As part of the application form, candidates must submit a signed declaration, included in the standard application form, to the effect that they are not in any of the exclusion situations listed in Section 2.3.3 of the 'Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions'.

16. **Subcontracting:**

Subcontracting is not allowed.

17. **Number of candidates to be shortlisted:**

On the basis of the applications received, at least 4 and at most 8 candidates will be invited to submit detailed tenders for this contract. If the number of eligible candidates meeting the selection criteria is less than the minimum of 4, the contracting authority may invite the candidates who satisfy the criteria to submit a tender.

Provisional timetable

18. **Provisional date of invitation to tender:**

30.9.2010.

19. **Provisional commencement date of the contract:**

15.12.2010.

20. **Initial period of implementation of tasks:**

Duration in months: 12.

Selection and award criteria

21. **Selection criteria:**

Same criteria for legal and natural person.

The following selection criteria will be applied to candidates. In the case of applications submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole:

1) Economic and financial capacity of candidate:

In case of the applicant being a public body equivalent information should be provided:

1. total aggregated annual turnover of candidate(s) must exceed the maximum budget of the contract for the last 3 years (2007, 2008 and 2009);
2. the candidate(s) has/have been operational for the past 3 years (2007, 2008 and 2009).

2) Professional capacity of candidate:

1. at least 60 staff currently work for the applicant in fields related to this contract;
2. at least 20 % of all staff working for the candidate(s) this year in fields related to this contract is permanent.

3) Technical capacity of candidate:

1. candidate(s) has/have (all) worked on at least 1 project of:

— equal or greater value,

or

— equal or greater complexity

as this contract, during the past 3 years (2007, 2008 and 2009);

2. candidate(s) has/have experience in activities similar to the ones required by this contract within the hostile environment during the past 3 years (2007, 2008 and 2009).

An economic operator may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them. It must in that case prove to the contracting authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for performance of the contract, for example by producing an undertaking on the part of those entities to place those resources at its disposal. Such entities, for instance the parent company of the economic operator, must respect the same rules of eligibility and notably that of nationality, as the economic operator.

If more than 8 eligible candidates meet the above selection criteria, the relative strengths and weaknesses of the applications of these candidates must be re-examined to identify the 8 best applications for the tender procedure. The only factors which will be taken into consideration during this re-examination are:
the number of projects related to this contract completed in the last 3 years;
in the case of equal number of projects the total amount (in euro) of the projects completed in the last 3 years.

22. **Award criteria:**

Best value for money.

Application

23. **Deadline for receipt of applications:**

14.9.2010 (15:00), Central European Time.

Any application received after this deadline will not be considered.

24. **Application format and details to be provided:**

Applications must be submitted using the standard application form, the format and instructions of which must be strictly observed. The application form is available at the following Internet address: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/services/index_en.htm

Any additional documentation (brochure, letter, etc.) sent with an application will not be taken into consideration.

25. **How applications may be submitted:**

Applications must be submitted exclusively to the contracting authority in the following language — English:
— either by recorded delivery (official postal service) to:

European Union Monitoring Mission, 49 Krtsanisi St., 0140Tbilisi, GEORGIA,

— or hand-delivered (including courier services) directly to the contracting authority in return for a signed and dated receipt to:

attention: Chief Procurement Officer. Tel. +995 91227020.

As in abovementioned address.

The contract title and the publication reference (see item 1 above) must be clearly marked on the envelope containing the application and must always be mentioned in all subsequent correspondence with the contracting authority.

Applications submitted by any other means will not be considered.

26. **Alteration or withdrawal of applications:**

Candidates may alter or withdraw their applications by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of applications. No applications may be altered after this deadline.

Any such notification of alteration or withdrawal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with item 25.

The outer envelope (and the relevant inner envelope if used) must be marked 'Alteration' or 'Withdrawal' as appropriate.

27. **Operational language:**

All written communications for this tender procedure and contract must be in English.

28. **Date of publication of contract forecast notice:**

5.5.2010.

29. **Legal basis:**

Council Joint Action 2008/736/CFSP of 15.9.2008 as amended by Council Joint Action 2010/424/CFSP of 26.7.2010.

30. **Additional information:**

The contract duration after 15.9.2011 is subject to the suspension clause, pending the adoption of the financing decision, signature of the contract between the European Commission and contracting authority as well as the allocation of the corresponding funds.

Please note that the awarding of the contract is subject to the condition of the prior adoption of a financing decision and the prior conclusion of a financing agreement, which do not modify the elements of the procurement procedure (this will be the case, for instance, if the budgetary envelope initially foreseen is different or if the time-frame, the nature or the condition of the implementation are altered).

If the precedent condition is not met, the contracting authority will either abandon the procurement or cancel the award procedure without the candidates or tenderers being entitled to claim any compensation.

31. **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

5.8.2010.