

## **SERVICE CONTRACT NOTICE**

### **Design, development and test of an information system for a virtual logistics platform within the project “OPTIMED – Rationalising Mediterranean Sea Ways: from Southern-Eastern to Northern-Western ports” - II-B\_3.2\_0465 Lebanon, Italy and Spain**

**1. Publication reference**

Reference n. II-B\_3.2\_0465\_InfoSys.

**2. Procedure**

International restricted tender procedure.

**3. Project title**

“OPTIMED – Rationalising Mediterranean Sea Ways: from Southern-Eastern to Northern-Western ports” - II-B\_3.2\_0465.

**4. Financing**

This service is part of the project “OPTIMED – Rationalising Mediterranean Sea Ways: from Southern-Eastern to Northern-Western ports” - II-B\_3.2\_0465, financed by the EU Program ENPI CBC MED. Grant contract n. 2447/54 of 30/12/2013.

**5. Contracting Authority**

Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture of Beirut and Mount – Lebanon (= CCIA-BML), CCIA-BML Building, 1 Justinien Street, Sanayeh - Beirut, Lebanon. P.O.Box: 11/1801 Beirut-Lebanon

---

## **CONTRACT SPECIFICATION**

**6. Nature of contract**

Global price.

**7. Contract description**

The service required is the design, development and test of an Information System for a virtual



logistics platform aimed at:

- developing a new optimised sea network between West and East shores of Mediterranean sea, allowing regular, reliable frequencies and more competitive travel times;
- promoting new opportunities, facilities, tools and skills which lead to the improvement of business connection and social relationships;
- enhancing competitiveness of sea shipping and increasing the freight flows using maritime mode instead of road mode between West and East shores of Mediterranean sea;
- meeting agreed good dispatch and delivery times, reducing costs, journey times and waiting times of freight in port, thereby increasing port productivity;
- facilitating shipping planning and scheduling;
- assessing the economic feasibility, environmental sustainability and energy balance of the new transportation network;
- stimulate logistics, port operators and stakeholders of the countries involved to develop new business relationships.

**8. Number and titles of lots**

One lot only.

**9. Maximum budget**

335.000,00 € VAT not included.

---

## **CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

**10. Eligibility**

Participation is open to all legal persons, participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) of tenderers, which are established in a Member State of the European Union or in a country covered by the ENPI Regulation (EC) 1638/2006. Participation is also open to international organizations.

**11. Candidature**

All eligible legal persons (as per item 10 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 (ie, the leader and all other members) are jointly and severally liable to the Contracting Authority.

The participation of an ineligible legal person (as per item 10) 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.

## **12. Number of applications**

No more than one application can be submitted by a 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 legal person submits more than one application, all applications in which that person has participated will be excluded.

## **13. Shortlist alliances prohibited**

Any tenders received from tenderers comprising firms other than those mentioned in the short-listed application forms will be excluded from this restricted tender procedure unless prior approval from the Contracting Authority has been obtained (see Practical Guide – PRAG<sup>1</sup>- 2.4.3.). Short-listed candidates may not form alliances or subcontract to each other for the contract in question.

## **14. 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 PRAG.

## **15. Sub-contracting**

Subcontracting is allowed.

## **16. Number of candidates to be short-listed**

On the basis of the applications received, between 4 and 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.

---

<sup>1</sup> This Practical Guide explains the contracting procedures applying to all EU external actions financed from the EU general budget (the EU budget). It is available on the web site <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/document.do>

---

## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

### 17. Provisional date of invitation to tender

16 February 2015

### 18. Provisional commencement date of the contract

31 March 2015

### 19. Initial period of implementation of tasks

1 April 2015

---

## SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

### 20. Selection criteria

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** (based on item 3 of the application form).

The average annual turnover of the last 3 years of the tenderer must exceed three times the annualised maximum budget of the contract (i.e. € 1.005.000);

- 2) **Professional capacity of candidate** (based on item 4 of the application form)

The candidate has a valid quality-management certification which complies with ISO 9001 regulations or equivalent and relevant to the activities described in the contract notice.

- 3) **Technical capacity of candidate** (based on items 5 of the application form)

All the following criterion will be applied.

The candidate has worked in the last 3 years:

1. on at least N. 3 projects with a budget of at least that of this contract in the fields of design, development and test of enterprise information systems with transactional and workflow features;
2. on at least N. 3 projects (could be the same as above) using open source licences;

3. on at least N. 3 projects (could be the same as above) funded by the European Union or other international donors;
4. on at least N. 1 project (could be the same as above) in the field of information system applied to transportation and logistics.

Previous experience which caused breach of contract and termination by a Contracting Authority shall not be used as reference.

If more than 8 eligible candidates meet the above selection criteria, the relative strengths and weaknesses of the applications of these candidates must be reexamined to identify the eight best candidates. The only factors which will be taken into consideration during this re-examination are:

- the highest number of projects in criteria 3.1;
- the highest value of the project in criteria 3.1;
- preference will be given to experience in the countries where the service will be implemented.

## **21. Award criteria**

Best value for money.

---

# **APPLICATION**

## **22. Deadline for receipt of applications**

10 February 2015.

Any application received by the Contracting Authority after this deadline will not be considered.

## **23. 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 from the following Internet address: [www.ccib.org.lb](http://www.ccib.org.lb).

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

## **24. How applications may be submitted**

Applications must be submitted in English exclusively to the Contracting Authority in a sealed envelope:

EITHER by recorded delivery (official postal service) to :

Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Beirut and Mount Lebanon  
CCIA-BML Building, 1 Justinien Street, Sanayeh - Beirut, Lebanon  
P.O.Box: 11/1801 Beirut-Lebanon

OR hand delivered (including courier services) directly to the Contracting Authority in return for a signed and dated receipt to:

Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Beirut and Mount Lebanon  
CCIA-BML Building, 1 Justinien Street, Sanayeh - Beirut, Lebanon  
P.O.Box: 11/1801 Beirut-Lebanon

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.

## **25. Alteration or withdrawal of applications**

Candidates may alter or withdraw their applications by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of applications. No application 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.

## **26. Operational language**

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

## **27. Legal basis**

ENPI Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006.

ENPI CBC Implementing Rules (Regulation (EC) No 951/2007).

Grant contract n. 2447/54 of 30/12/2013.

## **28. Additional information**



Please note that the awarding of the contract is subject to the condition of the prior conclusion of the amendment of the Grant Contract which will assign to the Contracting Authority the whole budget financing the service. This does not modify the elements of the procurement procedure (this will be the case, for instance, if the budget initially foreseen is different or if the timeframe, 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.