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CLARIFICATION DOCUMENT No.2 TO THE TENDER DOCUMENTS

Construction Works on M3 Slobozia Mare Bypass, km 0+000 – km 16+598 (remaining works) under the Contract RSP/W15/04

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Question 1

Section IV: Eligibility and Qualification Criteria, Table 3, Sub-Criteria 3.1 "General Experience", Table 3-1 "Similarity Determination" requires production and laying of asphalt concrete over 37.000 tonnes under one contract in order the latter to be considered similar to the proposed contract, while under the Sub-Criteria 3.3 "Specific Experience" under item (i) Production and laying asphalt concrete on a single contract in the past three (3) years not less than 20.000 tonnes is required. Please clarify if it was the intention to have two different requirements for the production and laying of asphalt concrete under the same procurement and if it is not typo error.

Answer

Each of the sub-criteria discussed in the question seeks to determine distinct aspects of the prospective participants' capacities, albeit based on very closely related baseline matters.

Participants shall submit the required information to demonstrate compliance with each such aspect, as per the language articulated in the tender document.

Question 2

Section IV: Eligibility and Qualification Criteria, Table 3, Sub-Criteria 3.1 "General Experience", the Lead Partner should demonstrate experience in at least:

- a) one successfully completed contract of similar nature and similar magnitude, or
- b) two (2) contracts of similar nature, each with a value of works of at least EURO 5 million, for the contract(s) that has been completed successfully. A clarification is required for the option (b): can the physical size requirements under the Table 3-1 "Similarity Determination" be reduced proportionally as well? For example: Production and laying of asphalt concrete 23.125 tonnes instead of 37.000 tonnes, i.e. 62.5% of original requirements because the financial volume of the contracts required under the option (b) is EURO 5 million which is 62.5% from EURO 8 million required under Table 3, Sub-Criteria 3.1 "General Experience".

Answer

The aim of this qualification requirement, where it spells two distinct options, is for the participants to qualify either under a single contract of a greater value, or, alternatively, based on two contracts of individually smaller amounts, but, whose cumulative sum is greater than that required in the primary qualification option offered.

Since the contract price is a derivative of the quantities of works performed under such contract, it impliedly flows from the meaning of the respective qualification requirement that under the option b) of qualification against criterion 3.1 General Experience, any of the two contracts which participant will reference in its proposal in order to qualify, could be both price-wise and quantity-wise smaller than in the option a) of the same criterion.

In this vein, any of the two referenced contracts, in terms of quantity, shall satisfy the minimum

quantity requirements stated in the Table 3-1: Similarity Determination (under sub-criteria 3.1) within the limits of proportion established in the option b) of the criterion 3.1 General Experience, i.e. 62.5%.

However, participants' attention is directed to the fact that the options of qualification provided under the criterion 3.1 General Experience are for the case of submitting the tender by a joint venture/association of firms and not for submitting tenders by a single entity.