

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR TENDER

INTERNATIONAL INVITATION FOR TENDERS

ISTANBUL – ANKARA HIGH SPEED RAILWAY PROJECT

PROCUREMENT OF DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION WORKS

BETWEEN GEYVE-SAPANCA

(REF:.....)

REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION

GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF STATE RAILWAYS (TCDD)

The Republic of Turkey General Directorate of State Railways (TCDD) has received a loan from the European Investment Bank – EIB, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for Istanbul-Ankara High Speed Railway Project, Procurement of Design & Costruction Works Between Geyve and Sapanca.

The objective of this initiative is to execute the Procurement of Design & Costruction Works Between Geyve and Sapanca Section of Istanbul - Ankara High Speed Train Project covering the the whole components of the construction works with a view to ensuring their technical and physical quality as per the Works Contract signed between the TCDD and the works Contractor.

Contractor shall be responsible for the execution of all design documents and construction accordingly taking into consideration the Employer's Requirements provided by the The Republic of Turkey General Directorate of State Railways (TCDD).

This Contract is expected to be commenced in March 2012. The period of execution of the Contract will be 21 months from the Commencement Date of the Works.

The eligibility criteria to be used in tender evaluation as a pre-condition for further technical evaluation are given below. In the case of applications submitted by a joint venture, these selection criteria will be applied to the joint venture as a whole.

1) The Tenderer shall have an average annual turnover as contractor (defined as billing for works in progress and completed) over the last three (3) years of not less than 150,000,000.- (hundred and fifty million) Euros (EUR) or equivalent.

2) The Tenderer shall demonstrate that it has access to, or has available, liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means sufficient to meet the construction cash flow for the contract for a period of 4 (four) months, estimated as not less than 55,000,000.- (fifty-five million) Euros (EUR) or equivalent, taking into account the applicant's commitments for other contracts.

3) The Tenderer shall demonstrate that it has successfully completed, in one (1) contract within the last ten (10) years , with a value of at least 225,000,000.- (two hundred and twenty-five million) Euros (EUR) (or equivalent), (proportion carried out by the candidate) that are similar to the proposed Works. The similarity shall be based on the physical size, complexity, methods/technology or other characteristics in the following specific experience areas given below:

(I.) Voaduct and Bridge construction,

- Bridges

- Viaducts

(II.) Tunnel Works

- Highway and railway tunnels (conventional and TBM)

- Metro tunnels

- Culverts and shafts

(III.) Highway Construction (infrastructure and superstructure)

- Highways

(IV) Railway Construction (only infrastructure)

- Railways

- Metros

4) The Tenderer shall demonstrate the following experience:

A. Railways (excluding metro tunnel) or Highways tunnel excavation/construction with conventional method or TBM of at least 10,000 meters in total. 4.000 meters of this shall be done by TBM method.

B. Construction of bridge or viaduct of at least 4,500 meters in total.

5) The General Directorate of State Railways (TCDD) suggests the Tenderers to consider the design criteria (geometric selection and dimension-location) provided by the Employer in the “General Requirements for Design” and in the “Scope of Works”. However, the Tenderer is free to design the system according to their judgement, since the Contractor is both the designer and the contractor of the Works. As such, in addition to the normal obligations associated with construction, the Contractor assumes full responsibility for the provision of all things and services necessary to ensure that the design is undertaken in a professional manner.

Therefore the descriptions given in the “General Requirements for Design” and in the “Scope of Works”, do not give full details of all the design services required or of all the goods required (including materials, plant, equipment and other things to be supplied), nor of all the Works and services (including investigations and surveys, and the like) to be provided by the Contractor in order to fulfill his responsibilities and obligations under the Contract.

These descriptions serve only to provide an overview of the extent and nature of the Works and any deficiencies in such descriptions shall be deemed not to limit the Contractor’s responsibilities and obligations. All locations and dimensional information in these descriptions are approximate, for information only, not mandatory and those are to be precisely determined and verified during the design and execution of the Works.

6) The Tenderer shall own the following major equipment which he would use for the contract.

The Tenderer should provide evidence either by a notary approved document or, sworn financial advisor, or certified public accountant, or independent accountant or financial advisor that the equipment is registered in the tenderer's licence certificate, or in the plant or depreciation ledger as the proof of possession of the relevant plant, machinery, equipment and kit requested.

The plant, machinery, equipment and kit acquired by temporary import or by leasing, shall also be deemed to be the property of the tenderer provided that the rental agreements are submitted and the documentary evidence are presented that the rentals are paid as the date of announcement of tender or invitation to tender.

- Minimum 1 no. Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM).

TBM having the outer diameter and the average boring capacity which shall be in accordance with the criteria given in the Employer's Requirements and the Design to be provided by the Tenderer and approved by the Employer, has to be provided ready for operation at site within the first 4 months following the commencement of Works. Provision of the TBM according to these criteria within the period given above will be committed by a written guarantee. In case of failure to provide this the "Delay Penalty" shall apply as per Particular Conditions of Contract Sub-Clause 8.7.

- 8 nos. Two Booms Jumbo Drilling Rig
- 8 nos. Shotcrete Machine

General Directorate of State Railways (TCDD) now invites eligible contractors to submit their bids in providing the aforementioned works.

Firms originating from all countries of the world are eligible to apply. All eligible natural and legal persons or groupings of such persons may apply.

Tenderer may associate. The "association" may take the form of a Joint Venture. In case of a Joint Venture (JV) all partners of the Joint Venture or Consortium shall be legally, jointly and severally liable for the submission of the Tender and execution of the Contract in accordance with the Tender terms and the Contract terms respectively, and a statement to this effect shall be given in the Tender by the Tenderer.

No more than one application can be submitted by a natural or legal person (including legal persons within the same legal group), whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or member of a joint venture submitting an application). In the event that a natural or legal person (including legal persons within the same legal group) submits more than one application, all applications in which that person (and legal persons within the same legal group) has participated will be excluded.

Tenderers should alert the General Directorate of State Railways (TCDD) in writing, with a copy to the European Investment Bank- EIB, in case they should consider that certain clauses or technical specifications of the tender documents might limit international competition or introduce an unfair advantage to some tenderers.

General Directorate of State Railways (TCDD) shall determine to its satisfaction whether the tenderer that is selected as having submitted the lowest evaluated and substantially responsive Tender meets the qualifying criteria. The determination shall be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Tenderer's qualifications submitted by the Tenderer. An affirmative determination shall be a prerequisite for award of the Contract to the tenderer. A negative determination shall result in disqualification of the Tender, in which event the Employer shall proceed to the next lowest evaluated Tender to make a similar determination of that tenderer's qualifications to perform satisfactorily.

All written communication for this tender procedure shall be in English and in Turkish. In case of any discrepancy, the English language as the language of the Contract shall prevail.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from, and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address below from 10:00 a.m. to 17:00 p.m. local time:

General Directorate of State Railways (TCDD)

Talatpaşa Bulvarı 06330 Gar / Ankara / TÜRKİYE

Contact Person: Mustafa BABAL (PCIU Project Manager)

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A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased on the submission of an application to the above address, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of 750 (seven hundred and fifty) Euros (EUR) to

Halk Bankası

Account Number: TR2100012009452002P000002

bearing to the name of the project from the date 07 December 2011.

All bids must be delivered in closed envelopes bearing the mention Bid for "İSTANBUL – ANKARA HIGH SPEED RAILWAY PROJECT, PROCUREMENT OF DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION WORKS BETWEEN GEYVE-SAPANCA" not later than 08 February 2012, Wednesday, at 14:00 o'clock local time to the address given above by mail, courier or hand delivery.

General Directorate of State Railways (TCDD) reserves the right to reject the bids received after the above-referenced date.

Bids will be opened at 14:30 o'clock at the same date (08 February 2012, Wednesday) at TCDD General Directorate Conference Hall in the presence of Bidders representatives who chose to attend