**INVITATION FOR TENDERS**

**Montenegro**

**Rehabilitation of the Vrbnica-Bar railway line in Montenegro along the Main Belgrade-Bar Railway (SEETO Rail Route 4)**

**REHABILITATION OF 19 CONCRETE BRIDGES ON THE “VRBNICA – BAR” RAILWAY LINE IN MONTENEGRO**

 **IFT# EIB-MNE-RIOM-IFT-W-2019-A7.1/2**

**Railway Infrastructure of Montenegro JSC - Podgorica (RIoM)/ Željeznička Infrastruktura Crne Gore AD - Podgorica (ŽICG),** hereinafter referred to as “the Employer”, intends using part of the proceeds of a loan from the **European Investment Bank** (the Bank) towards the cost of **Rehabilitation of the Vrbnica-Bar railway line in Montenegro along the Main Belgrade-Bar Railway (SEETO Rail Route 4) (**Prior Information Notice: 2015/S 168-305816). The Project is financed in part also by WBIF Investment Grant.

The Employer now invites sealed tenders from contractors for the following contract to be funded from part of the proceeds of the loan: **Rehabilitation of 19 Concrete Bridges on the “Vrbnica – Bar” railway line in Montenegro**.

**Works will include:**

**Lot#1: Rehabilitation of 6 Concrete Bridges on the “Vrbnica – Bar” railway line in Montenegro:** Bridge No. 7 at km 299+348.19; Bridge No. 13 at km 303+463.39; Bridge No. 19 at km 309+518.82; Bridge No. 33 at km 326+263.10; Bridge No. 51 at km 343+915.23; Bridge No.102 at km 438+163.50.

**Lot#2: Rehabilitation of 13 Concrete Bridges on the “Vrbnica – Bar” railway line in Montenegro:** Bridge No. 9 km 299+968.19; Bridge No. 28 km 323+076,82; Bridge No. 31 km 324+983.98; Bridge No. 34 km 326+449,50: Bridge No. 38 km 330+649.90; Bridge No. 41 km 332+539.76; Bridge No. 48 km 339+832,47; Bridge No. 70 km 366+293,45; Bridge No. 71 km 366+955,45; Bridge No. 76 km 369+146,07; Bridge No. 83 km 376+648,50; Bridge No. 101 km 436+130,00; Bridge No. 105 km 447+435,25.

The following works are envisaged: strengthening of the abutments, piers and foundations; strengthening the connection of the pavement structure with the abutments (bridge No. 101), strengthening of the non-reinforced concrete vaults with the carbon canvas; installation of anti-seismic devices (bridges No. 28 and No. 51), replacement of the waterproofing, expansion joints, and gutter vertical elements; reconstruction of the pedestrian paths; rehabilitation and protection of the concrete surface in order to extend structure durability; works on the superstructure during rehabilitation of the bridges, etc. The contract will be implemented as per FIDIC Conditions of Contract for Construction for Building and Engineering Works Designed by the Employer, (Red Book), First Edition 1999.

**Time for completion:** 20 months (20 months for works plus 12 months for Defects Notification Period – DNP).

Alternative Tenders (Variants) shall not be permitted.

A Contractor will be selected in accordance with the policies of the European Investment Bank detailed in the “Guide to procurement”, dated September 2018, which can be found at the following website: <http://www.eib.org/infocentre/publications/all/guide-to-procurement.htm>.

Tendering for contracts to be financed with the proceeds of a loan from the Bank is open to firms from any country.

To be qualified for the award of a contract, tenderers must satisfy the following minimum criteria (Note: Qualification criteria and submission of proof are described in more details in the tender documents):

**Economic and financial capacity of candidate:**

* **Minimum average annual turnover** for construction works in the past **3 financial years** cannot be lower than: **for Lot#1 EUR 5 million, for Lot#2 EUR 9 million, and EUR 14 million for participation in both Lots**.
* Access to **lines of credit** or any other credit facilities, or other financial means, of not less than: **for Lot#1 not less than EUR 500,000.00 for Lot#2 not less than EUR 900,000.00 and not less than EUR 1.4 million for participation in both Lots**.

**Technical and professional capacity of candidate:**

* At least **2 contracts** completed (similar to the proposed works) within the last five years, each with a value of: **for Lot#1 at least EUR 2.5 million (NET of VAT), for Lot#2 at least EUR 4.5 million (NET of VAT), and at least EUR 7 million (NET of VAT) for participation in both Lots.**

**Tenderer’s Key Personnel *[Principal Site Manager, Assistant of the Site Manager. Expert for Bridges (Steel and Concrete), Geology/ Geotechnical Engineer, Responsible Expert for Closure Line]*** with appropriate qualifications, skills and experience (defined in the tender document).

**Availability of the suitable equipment for the proposed contract** (defined in the tender document)**.**

**A Pre-Tender meeting and a Site Visit** will be organised on **29 May 2019 at 09:00** (more detailed in the Tender Document).

A complete set of Tender Documents may be obtained free of charge on the submission of an application (bearing the name of the project) to the below address. Instructions for downloading the electronic version of the tender documents from the ŽICG website will be provided to the applicants.

All tenders must be accompanied by a tender security of: **for Lot#1: EUR 50,000.00 for Lot#2: EUR 90,000.00.**

Tenders must be delivered to the office at the address below on or before **12:00-noon CET (Central European Time = Podgorica Time) on** **24 June 2019** at which time they will be opened in the presence of those tenderers’ representatives who choose to attend.

Tenders are invited for one or more lots. Each lot must be priced separately.

The Employer will award the contract(s) to the Tenderer(s) whose tender(s) has been determined to be substantially responsive and the combination of these tender prices which, including any discounts offered, yield the lowest total evaluated price, provided further that the Tenderers are determined to be qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily.

The contract award will be to a single Tenderer if its tender offers the lowest total evaluated price and the Tenderer is determined to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.

The Bank shall not provide or otherwise make funds available, directly or indirectly, to or for the benefit of an individual or entity that is subject to financial sanctions imposed by the EU[[1]](#footnote-1), either autonomously or pursuant to the financial sanctions decided by the United Nations Security Council on the basis of Article 41 of the UN Charter.

Appeal mechanism and contact details for appeal are provided in the tender document.

Prospective tenderers may obtain further information from, and inspect and acquire the tender documents at, the following office:

**Željeznička Infrastruktura Crne Gore AD - Podgorica (ŽICG)**

**Project Implementation Unit (PIU)**

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1. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title V of the TEU and the objectives of the Common Foreign and Security Policy set out in Article 21 of the TEU and Article 215 of the TFEU. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)