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y registros de plástico a la empresa regional de agua del distrito de Florești
2012/S 46-076154**

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

Project name: Moldova - Water Utilities Development Programme

Country: Moldova

Business sector: Municipal and environmental infrastructure

Project ID: 6605-IFT-40267

Funding source: EBRD, EIB, NIF

Type of contract: Goods

Type of notice: Invitation for Tenders

Issue date: 29 February 2012

Closing date: 18 April 2012 at 12:00 noon, Chisinau time

This Invitation for Tenders follows the General Procurement Notice for this project which was published on the EBRD website, Procurement Notices (www.ebrd.com) on 7 July 2011.

SA Servicii Comunale Florești, hereinafter referred to as "the Purchaser", intends using part of the loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank), European Investment Bank and a grant from the EU's Neighbourhood Investment Facility for the Moldova-Water Utilities Development Programme.

The Purchaser now invites sealed tenders from Suppliers for the following contract to be funded from part of the proceeds of the loans and grant:

11540 m of 15mm NB Class C water meters and their associated remote reading equipment for installation by others in the potable water and district heating network and eight thousand ≤ 500 mm plastic manholes and covers for use with the water meters.

Tendering for contracts that are 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:

1. Average annual turnover as prime Supplier (defined as billing for Goods and Services delivered and under delivery) over the last 5 years of 5 million EURO or equivalent in MDL.
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 production cash flow for the contract estimated as not less than 1 million EURO or equivalent in MDL, taking into account the Tenderer's commitments for other contracts.
3. Experience as Supplier, in at least 2 contracts within the last 5 years, each with a value of at least 1 million EURO or equivalent in MDL of similar equipment that have been successfully and substantially completed.
4. The Tenderer, and each partner in case of a joint venture, shall provide accurate information on any current or past litigation or arbitration resulting from contracts completed or under execution by him over the last five (5) years.
5. Joint ventures must satisfy the following minimum qualification criteria:
 - (a) The lead partner shall meet at least sixty (60%) percent of the minimum qualifying criteria for general experience and financial position required above;
 - (b) Other partners shall meet at least twenty (20%) percent of the minimum qualifying criteria for general experience and financial position required above
6. The Tenderer shall submit audited balance sheets for the last five (5) years which should demonstrate the soundness of the Tenderer's financial position by showing long-term profitability.

Tender documents may be obtained from the office at the address below upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of 1600 MDL.

Payment may be made by cheque to SA Servicii Comunale Floresti, in cash directly to the cashier of SA Servicii Comunale Floresti, or by inter-bank transfer to SA Servicii Comunale Floresti bank in MDL:

Cod IDNO 1003607001471

Bank account 222414100279

SWIFT MOLDMD2X341.

Upon receiving appropriate evidence of payment of the non-refundable fee, the documents will be promptly dispatched by courier, however, no liability can be accepted for loss or late delivery. If requested the documents can also be dispatched electronically after the presentation by the prospective tenderer of appropriate evidence of payment of the non-refundable fee. In the event of discrepancy between electronic and hard copies of the documents, the hard copy shall prevail.

All tenders must be accompanied by a tender security of 40,000 Euro or the equivalent in Moldovan Lei. The exchange rate shall be the average exchange rate of December 2011 published by the National Bank of Moldova http://bnm.md/medium_exchange_rates.

Tenders must be delivered to the office at the address below on or before 18th April 2012, 12:00 noon local time, at which time they will be opened in the presence of those tenderers' representatives who choose to attend.

A register of potential tenderers who have purchased the tender documents may be inspected at the address below.

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

Contact name: Sergiu Rusu. Purchaser: SA Servicii Comunale Floresti. Address: 20 Str Dacia, Florești, MD 5001, Republic of Moldova. Tel: + 373 250 22056. Fax: + 373 250 22281. Email: acvaflor@yahoo.com