

SUPPLY PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Integrated Management of Transboundary Groundwater
between Bulgaria and Romania in Dobrudja/Dobrogea Area
Romania

1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/122335/D/SUP/RO

2. Procedure

Open

3. Programme

2004 - Phare CBC Programme for Romania

4. Financing

Financing Memorandum PHARE / 2004 / 016-784

5. Contracting authority

Ministry of European Integration, Romania

CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

6. Description of the contract

The project intends to provide equipment for qualitative and quantitative monitoring equipment, including IT equipment for data recording and processing (including modeling) needed to cover joint monitoring programme and meet the requirements of WFD 2000/60/EC will be purchased regarding the following types:

- Quantitative monitoring equipment for on line quantitative monitoring of groundwater characteristics
- Qualitative monitoring equipment for on line qualitative monitoring of groundwater and data transmission system to the server (automatic station with sensors for the physical-chemical measurements and detectors of the accidental pollution)

Data processing, analysis and dissemination, information system with equipment and software (including software for modeling) will be purchased.

7. Number and titles of lots

1 lot - Equipment for qualitative and quantitative groundwater monitoring, including IT equipment for data recording and processing (including modeling)

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

8. Eligibility and rules of origin

Participation is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons [participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) of tenderers] of the Member States and the countries and territories

of the regions covered and/or authorised by the Regulation or other specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed (see also item 21 below). All goods supplied under this contract must originate in these countries. Participation of natural persons is directly governed by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed.

9. Grounds for exclusion

Tenderers must submit a statement to the effect that they are not in any of the situations listed in point 2.3.3 of the *Practical Guide to contracts procedures financed by the general budget of the European Communities in the context of external actions*.

10. Number of tenders

Tenderers (including firms within the same legal group, other members of the same consortium, and sub-contractors) may submit only one tender per lot. Tenders for parts of a lot will not be considered. Any tenderer may state in its tender that it would offer a discount in the event that its tender is accepted. Tenderers may not submit a tender for a variant solution in addition to their tender for the supplies required in the tender dossier.

11. Tender guarantee

Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee of 10,000 Euro when submitting their tender. This guarantee will be released to unsuccessful tenderers once the tender procedure has been completed and to the successful tenderer(s) upon signature of the contract by all parties. This guarantee will be called upon if the tenderer does not fulfil all obligations stated in its tender.

12. Performance guarantee

The successful tenderer will be asked to provide a performance guarantee of 10% of the amount of the contract at the signing of the contract. This guarantee must be provided no later than 30 days after the tenderer receives the contract signed by the Contracting Authority. If the selected tenderer fails to provide such a guarantee within this period, the contract will be void and a new contract may be drawn up and sent to the tenderer which has submitted the next best compliant tender.

13. Information meeting and/or site visit

No information meeting is planned

14. Tender validity

Tenders must remain valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline for submission of tenders.

15. Period of execution

21 months (9 months plus 12 months warranty period).

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

16. Selection criteria

The following selection criteria will be applied to tenderers. In the case of tenders submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole:

1) Economic and financial capacity of tenderer

- The tenderer shall document an average annual turnover (individual company or JV/consortium, altogether) of at least of 500 000 Euro for the last 3 (three) years (2003, 2004 and 2005).

- The tenderer shall prove to have had a positive average operating profit for the last 3 (three) years (2003, 2004 and 2005 – individual company or JV/consortium, altogether).

The data will be presented in the following format:

	Financial Data	2003	2004	2005
Leader	Annual turnover (Euro)			
	Annual Operating profit (Euro)			
Partner	Annual Operating profit (Euro)			
	Annual turnover (Euro)			
Average	Annual Operating profit (Euro)			
	Annual turnover (Euro)			

2) Professional capacity of tenderer

- The tenderer (individual company or JV/consortium, altogether) must provide a list of previous projects demonstrating its capacity to execute similar contracts. Relevant experience must be proved by having completed at least 1 similar relevant contract within the last 5 years (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005), each with a value exceeding 300,000 Euro for delivery of water quality monitoring equipment.

The evidence of having completed such projects must be provided (certificates, confirmation/relevant date for previous beneficiaries) and shall be presented according to item 6 of the Tender Form for a Supply Contract.

- The tenderer shall present recommendation letters from the beneficiaries of previous projects, confirming the quality of the supplies and the work performed.

3) Technical capacity of tenderer

- The tenderer shall prove the availability of local resources for the execution of the warranty and after - sales service.

An economic operator may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them. It must in that case prove to the Contracting Authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for performance of the contract, for example by producing an undertaking on the part of those entities to place those resources at its disposal. Under the same conditions, a consortium of economic operators may rely on the capacities of members of the consortium or of other entities.

17. Award criteria

Price (the contract will be awarded to the company which is technically compliant and have the lowest price).

TENDERING

18. How to obtain the tender dossier

The tender dossier is available from the following Internet address: http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/tender/index_en.htm. The tender dossier is also available for collection from the Contracting Authority. Tenders must be submitted using the

standard tender form included in the tender dossier, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed.

Tenderers with questions regarding this tender should send them in writing to

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(mentioning the publication reference shown in item 1) at least 21 days before the deadline for submission of tenders given in item 19. The Contracting Authority must reply to all tenderers' questions at least 11 days before the deadline for submission of tenders. Eventual clarifications to the tender dossier shall be published on the EuropeAid website at http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/index_en.htm .

19. Deadline for submission of tenders

6 November 2006, 14:00 hrs. local time

Any tender received after this deadline will not be considered.

20. Tender opening session

6 November 2006, 15:00 hrs. local time

21. Legal basis

Financing Memorandum PHARE / 2004 / 016-784, signed on April 8, 2005, EC Directive no. 3906/89, EC Directive no. 1266/99 and EC Directive 769/2004