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**Cyprus-Nicosia: High-voltage cable
2019/S 228-560651**

Contract notice – utilities

Works

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/25/EU

Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Official name: EuroAsia Interconnector Limited
Postal address: Quantum House: 25 Philippou Str., Agios Dometios
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Main address: <http://www.euroasia-interconnector.com/>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at:
www.euroasia-interconnector.com/procurement
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.6) Main activity

Electricity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation of the HVDC Cable System for the EuroAsia Interconnector

II.1.2) Main CPV code

31321300

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description:

EuroAsia Interconnector is a multi-terminal VSC-HVDC scheme which will connect Israel, Cyprus and Greece (Crete), and will comprise 3 converter stations with sea electrodes, interconnected by cables. Stage 1 of the project will allow the transfer of 1 000 MW between converter stations and the voltage level will be ± 500 kV.

The scheme will be developed under 4 main tender procedures:

- Procurement of the VSC HVDC Converter Stations,
- Procurement of the HVDC Cable System,
- Procurement of the Sea-electrodes and MVDC Cables,
- Procurement of the Civil Works for Land Cable System.

This process concerns the second of the above tender processes and encompasses the engineering, procurement, construction and installation of the HVDC cable system.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 1 682 000 000.00 EUR

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Detailed information is available in the 'Invitation to Participate in Negotiated Process with prior Call for Competition' for the contract with title 'Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation of the HVDC Cable System for the EuroAsia Interconnector' that can be found at www.euroasia-interconnector.com/procurement.

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation of the HVDC Cable System for Pole 1 of Link 1 — Israel-Cyprus

Lot No: 1

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

31321500

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: CY0

NUTS code: 00

Main site or place of performance:

Israel, Cyprus and the Mediterranean basin between them.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

Engineering, procurement, construction and installation of the submarine HVDC cable system including all required joints for Pole 1 of Link 1. The distance between the sea/land transition bays in Israel and Cyprus is approximately 310 km and the submarine cable will be laid at a maximum water depth of 2 200 m.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 224 000 000.00 EUR

II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 1

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

The number of tenderers will not be limited to a maximum.

All qualified candidates satisfying the objective criteria will be invited to participate in the award stage of this negotiated procedure.

To qualify for participation in the award stage, objective criteria/requirements for the personal situation, the economic and financial standing and the technical and professional ability of the candidates must be satisfied. Details for the qualification requirements are provided in the 'Invitation to Participate in Negotiated Process with prior Call for Competition' for the contract with title 'Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation of the HVDC Cable System for the EuroAsia Interconnector' that can be found at www.euroasia-interconnector.com/procurement.

Economic operators must request access to the Ariba platform used for this pre-qualification phase via email in order to submit a 'Request to Participate' in the process. Detailed information is available in the 'Invitation to Participate in Negotiated Process with prior Call for Competition' for the Contract with title 'Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation of the HVDC Cable System for the EuroAsia Interconnector' that can be found at www.euroasia-interconnector.com/procurement.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

Details regarding options will be provided to qualified candidates in the tender documents.

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

II.2.13) Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes

Identification of the project:

PCI 3.10

II.2.14) Additional information

EuroAsia Interconnector is a cluster Project of Common Interest (PCI 3.10) of the EU consisting of two PCIs:

— PCI 3.10.1: Israel-Cyprus,

— PCI 3.10.2: Cyprus-Greece (Crete).

The project has been approved for grants by CEF in 2 occasions (Action 3.10.1-0028-CY-S-M-14 and Action 3.10.1-0004-CYEL-S-M-16).

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title:

Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation of the HVDC Cable System for Pole 2 of Link 1 — Israel-Cyprus

Lot No: 2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

31321500

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: CY0

NUTS code: 00

Main site or place of performance:
Israel, Cyprus and the Mediterranean basin between them.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

Engineering, procurement, construction and installation of the submarine HVDC cable system including all required joints for Pole 2 of Link 1. The distance between the sea/land transition bays in Israel and Cyprus is approximately 310 km and the submarine cable will be laid at a maximum water depth of 2 200 m.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 224 000 000.00 EUR

II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9) **Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged number of candidates: 1

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

The number of tenderers will not be limited to a maximum.

All qualified candidates satisfying the objective criteria will be invited to participate in the award stage of this negotiated procedure.

To qualify for participation in the award stage, objective criteria/requirements for the personal situation, the economic and financial standing and the technical and professional ability of the candidates must be satisfied. Details for the qualification requirements are provided in the 'Invitation to Participate in Negotiated Process with prior Call for Competition' for the Contract with title 'Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation of the HVDC Cable System for the EuroAsia Interconnector' that can be found at www.euroasia-interconnector.com/procurement.

Economic operators must request access to the Ariba platform used for this pre-qualification phase via email in order to submit a 'Request to Participate' in the process. Detailed information is available in the 'Invitation to Participate in Negotiated Process with prior Call for Competition' for the contract with title 'Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation of the HVDC Cable System for the EuroAsia Interconnector' that can be found at www.euroasia-interconnector.com/procurement.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

Details regarding options will be provided to qualified candidates in the tender documents.

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

II.2.13) **Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes

Identification of the project:

PCI 3.10

II.2.14) **Additional information**

EuroAsia Interconnector is a cluster Project of Common Interest (PCI 3.10) of the EU consisting of 2 PCIs:

- PCI 3.10.1: Israel-Cyprus,
- PCI 3.10.2: Cyprus-Greece (Crete).

The project has been approved for grants by CEF in 2 occasions (Action 3.10.1-0028-CY-S-M-14 and Action3.10.1-0004-CYEL-S-M-16).

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation of the HVDC Cable System for Pole 1 of Link 2 — Cyprus-Greece (Crete)

Lot No: 3

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

31321500

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: CY0

NUTS code: EL

NUTS code: EL43

Main site or place of performance:

Cyprus, Greece (Crete) and the Mediterranean basin between them.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

Engineering, procurement, construction and installation of the HVDC Cable System including all required joints for Pole 1 of Link 2. The distance between the sea/land transition bays in Cyprus and Greece (Crete) is approximately 895 km and the submarine cable will be laid at a maximum water depth of 3 000 m.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 617 000 000.00 EUR

II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9) **Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged number of candidates: 1

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

The number of tenderers will not be limited to a maximum.

All qualified candidates satisfying the objective criteria will be invited to participate in the award stage of this negotiated procedure.

To qualify for participation in the award stage, objective criteria/requirements for the personal situation, the economic and financial standing and the technical and professional ability of the candidates must be satisfied. Details for the qualification requirements are provided in the 'Invitation to Participate in Negotiated Process with prior Call for Competition' for the contract with title 'Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation of the HVDC Cable System for the EuroAsia Interconnector' that can be found at www.euroasia-interconnector.com/procurement.

Economic operators must request access to the Ariba platform used for this pre-qualification phase via email in order to submit a 'Request to Participate' in the process. Detailed information is available in the 'Invitation to Participate in Negotiated Process with prior Call for Competition for the Contract' with title 'Engineering,

Procurement, Construction and Installation of the HVDC Cable System for the EuroAsia Interconnector' that can be found at www.euroasia-interconnector.com/procurement.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

Details regarding options will be provided to qualified candidates in the tender documents.

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

II.2.13) **Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes

Identification of the project:

PCI 3.10

II.2.14) **Additional information**

EuroAsia Interconnector is a cluster Project of Common Interest (PCI 3.10) of the EU consisting of 2 PCIs:

— PCI 3.10.1: Israel-Cyprus,

— PCI 3.10.2: Cyprus-Greece (Crete).

The project has been approved for grants by CEF in 2 occasions (Action 3.10.1-0028-CY-S-M-14 and Action3.10.1-0004-CYEL-S-M-16).

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation of the HVDC Cable System for Pole 2 of Link 2 — Cyprus-Greece (Crete)

Lot No: 4

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

31321500

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: CY0

NUTS code: EL

NUTS code: EL43

Main site or place of performance:

Cyprus, Greece (Crete) and the Mediterranean basin between them.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

Engineering, procurement, construction and installation of the HVDC submarine cable system including all required joints for Pole 2 of Link 2. The distance between the sea/land transition bays in Cyprus and Greece (Crete) is approximately 895 km and the submarine cable will be laid at a maximum water depth of 3 000 m.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 617 000 000.00 EUR

II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 1

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

The number of tenderers will not be limited to a maximum.

All qualified candidates satisfying the objective criteria will be invited to participate in the award stage of this negotiated procedure.

To qualify for participation in the award stage, objective criteria/requirements for the personal situation, the economic and financial standing and the technical and professional ability of the candidates must be satisfied. Details for the qualification requirements are provided in the 'Invitation to Participate in Negotiated Process with prior Call for Competition' for the Contract with title 'Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation of the HVDC Cable System for the EuroAsia Interconnector' that can be found at www.euroasia-interconnector.com/procurement.

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

Details regarding options will be provided to qualified candidates in the tender documents.

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

II.2.13) Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes

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Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions:

Criteria as stated in the 'Invitation to Participate in Negotiated Process with prior Call for Competition' for the contract with title 'Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation of the HVDC Cable System for the EuroAsia Interconnector' that can be found at www.euroasia-interconnector.com/procurement.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria:

The objective rules and criteria for participation are described in the 'Invitation to Participate in Negotiated Process with prior Call for Competition' for the contract with title 'Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation of the HVDC Cable System for the EuroAsia Interconnector' that can be found at www.euroasia-interconnector.com/procurement.

It is noted that the contracting entity does not intend to limit the number of participants/tenderers to a maximum number and all qualified candidates will be invited to the award stage of the process.

The contracting entity reserves the right to perform inspections of a candidate's premises and/or work sites in order to verify the information given under this pre-qualification stage.

III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts

III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required:

Submission of deposits and/or guarantees is not required during the pre-qualification stage. The participation guarantee required during the award stage as well as any other guarantees/deposits that will be required during the tender process and/or from the awarded tenderer/contractor will be defined in the tender documents that will be provided to qualified candidates.

III.1.7) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:

Details will be provided in the tender documents that will be provided to qualified candidates.

III.1.8) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:

Consortia are not obliged to take a specific legal form in order to participate in the tender procedure. However, if applicable, the awarded consortium may be requested to take a specific legal form before the signing of the contract.

Interested economic operators should note that the awarded tenderer of any lot may be required to enter into an Interface Agreement with the awarded tenderers of the other lots and/or the awarded tenderers/contractors of the other procurement procedures related with the implementation of the EuroAsia Interconnector such as, but not limited to, those defined in Section II.1.4).

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

IV.2) **Administrative information**

IV.2.1) **Previous publication concerning this procedure**

IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 27/12/2019

Local time: 14:00

IV.2.3) **Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

Date: 10/01/2020

IV.2.4) **Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:**

English

IV.2.6) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**

VI.3) **Additional information:**

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Official name: Appeals Committee

Postal address: Quantum House: 25 Philippou Str., Agios Dometios

Town: Nicosia

Postal code: 2363

Country: Cyprus

E-mail: appeals@euroasia-interconnector.com

Telephone: +357 22792200

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VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Every economic operator being interested in the conclusion of a contract with the contracting entity shall be entitled to contest, by lodging an appeal, any enforceable act of the contracting entity related to the tender procedure which they consider as affecting their interests in an unlawful manner.

Every appeal, in accordance with the aforementioned, shall be lodged in writing against EuroAsia Interconnector Limited, and should be received within 15 calendar days from the next day of the notification of the appealed decision at the address mentioned in Section VI.4.1), and examined by the responsible Appeals Committee assigned by the contracting entity, who after examining the appeal, shall, as soon as possible, issue a justified decision that will be provided in writing to the party lodging the appeal.

If such time limit elapses inactive, it shall be inferred that the appeal has been dismissed.

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

22/11/2019