

659550-2026 - Competition

North Macedonia – Railway construction works – Construction of New Railway Section from Kriva Palanka to the Border of the Republic of Bulgaria, as part of Corridor VIII

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Works

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Public Enterprise for Railway Infrastructure Railways of the Republic of North Macedonia – Skopje (ZRSMI)

Email: phase3@mzi.mk

Legal type of the buyer: Body governed by public law

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Construction of New Railway Section from Kriva Palanka to the Border of the Republic of Bulgaria, as part of Corridor VIII

Description: The Contract covers the detailed design and construction of approximately 22.1 km of new single-track railway between Kriva Palanka and the border area with the Republic of Bulgaria, forming Section 3 of Railway Corridor VIII – Eastern Section. The railway will have a maximum design speed of 100 km/h. The Works include Kriva Palanka station, Zidilovo halt /station, 21 tunnels with a total length of approximately 8.5 km, 51 bridges/viaducts with a total length of approximately 5 km, permanent way, earthworks, drainage, retaining structures, access roads and associated civil and interface works. The cross-border tunnel and its functional area are excluded from this Contract.

Procedure identifier: 0db375e0-0e4b-45d9-83c4-409a1ea7803a

Internal identifier: EIB-GtP/MOB 20230032-04

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Works

Main classification (cpv): 45234100 Railway construction works

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country: North Macedonia

Anywhere in the given country

Additional information: Republic of North Macedonia, Northeast Region, Municipality of Kriva Palanka.

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: The procurement concerns the design and construction of approximately 22.1 km of new single-track railway forming Section 3 of Railway Corridor VIII – Eastern Section, from Kriva Palanka towards the border with the Republic of Bulgaria. The cross-border tunnel and its functional area are excluded from this Contract. The Works include

review of the available reference design and investigations; preparation of the Detailed Design required for obtaining the construction permit; earthworks; permanent way; drainage; retaining structures; access roads; Kriva Palanka station; Zidilovo halt/station; 21 tunnels with an aggregate length of approximately 8.5 km; 51 bridges/viaducts with an aggregate length of approximately 5 km; environmental and social mitigation measures; and the civil and preparatory/interface works for signalling and telecommunications required by the Employer's Requirements. The maximum design speed is 100 km/h. The Contract will be implemented under the FIDIC Conditions of Contract for Plant and Design-Build, First Edition 1999 (Yellow Book), as amended by the Particular Conditions. The procurement is an open, single-stage, two-envelope procedure conducted in accordance with the EIB Guide to Procurement. The procedure is paper-based. Participation is open to eligible legal entities from all countries, subject to the eligibility, exclusion, sanctions and conflict-of-interest requirements set out in the Procurement Document. Alternative proposals are not permitted. A Tender Security in the amount of EUR 10,000,000 in the form required by the Procurement Document shall accompany the Technical Proposal. Project-specific licences, permits, certificates and authorisations under the laws of the Republic of North Macedonia are not required to be held at Proposal submission, but Participants shall submit the prescribed undertaking concerning their timely application for and acquisition in accordance with the Procurement Document and the Contract. The Project is financed by the European Investment Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and a Western Balkans Investment Framework grant.

Legal basis:

Other

This contract will be financed by European Investment Bank (EIB) and is subject to the EIB's Guide to Procurement -

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Notice

Conflict of interest due to its participation in the procurement procedure: Exclusion grounds as per section 1.5 of the EIB GtP

Fraud: EIB Anti-Fraud Policy and EIB Exclusion Policy and EIB's definition of prohibited conduct as per the Covenant of Integrity

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 84 Months

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

The names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to perform the contract must be given: Tender requirement

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

Additional information: The stated 84-month contract duration comprises a Time for Completion of 1,825 days (60 months) followed by a Defects Notification Period of 730 days (24 months). The cross-border tunnel and its functional area do not form part of the Works under this Contract. The procurement is conducted as a single-stage, two-envelope procedure and the Contract will be based on the FIDIC Yellow Book 1999, as amended by the Particular Conditions.

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Notice, Procurement Document

Criterion: Enrolment in a relevant professional register

Description of selection criterion: Participation is open to legal entities from all countries. Each Participant shall be duly constituted, incorporated or registered in accordance with the laws of its country of establishment and shall provide evidence of its legal status and registration as required by the Procurement Documents. In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium or Association (JVCA), the applicable legal status and eligibility requirements shall be met by each member in accordance with the Procurement Documents. Participants shall submit Form ELI-1, the relevant charter or constitutional documents, registration/incorporation documents and, where applicable, the JVCA Agreement. Participants shall submit Form LIC-1 – Undertaking regarding Licences, Permits, Certificates and Authorisations, duly completed and signed. Participants are not required, at the deadline for submission of Proposals, to hold project-specific licences, permits, certificates or authorisations required under the laws of the Republic of North Macedonia for execution of the Works. For any such licence, permit, certificate or authorisation not held at Proposal submission, the Participant shall undertake in Form LIC-1, if awarded the Contract, to apply for and obtain it within the periods prescribed by the Procurement Documents and the Contract and, in all cases, before commencing the activity for which it is legally required.

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Address of the procurement documents: www.mzi.mk

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Not allowed

Justification for why electronic submission is not possible: Buyer would need specialised office equipment

Description: Proposals shall be prepared and submitted in English. Proposals must be submitted in paper form in accordance with the Procurement Document, by mail/courier or by hand to the address of the Procuring Entity stated in Section I. Proposals received after the deadline will be returned unopened. Participants shall comply with the EIB Guide to Procurement, the Covenant of Integrity and the Environmental and Social Covenant forming part of the Procurement Document. Participants who consider that clauses or requirements of the procurement documents may restrict international competition or confer an unfair advantage should raise the matter with the Procuring Entity as early as possible. Complaints relating to the Bank's procurement due diligence may be addressed in accordance with Annex 7 to the EIB Guide to Procurement, including, where applicable, by copy to procurementcomplaints@eib.org

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Variants: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 20/01/2027 12:00:00 (UTC+01:00) Central European Time, Western European Summer Time

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 180 Days

Information about public opening:

Opening date: 20/01/2027 12:00:00 (UTC+01:00) Central European Time, Western European Summer Time

Place: Public Enterprise for Railway Infrastructure Railways of the Republic of North Macedonia – Skopje (ZRSMI), Zeleznicka 50b, Conference Room, 1000 Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia.

Additional information: The Proposal opening is a formal public session. Participants' designated representatives may attend. The Client will open the Proposals in accordance with the procedure specified in the Procurement Document and will prepare a formal record of the opening.

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Conditions relating to the performance of the contract: The Contract will be governed by the FIDIC Conditions of Contract for Plant and Design-Build, First Edition 1999 (Yellow Book), as amended by the Particular Conditions. The successful Contractor shall provide the required Performance Security, establish and maintain the Local Subsidiary in the Republic of North Macedonia required under GCC 4.1, obtain and maintain all licences, permits, certificates and authorisations required for performance of the Works in accordance with GCC 4.27, and comply with the environmental, social, health, safety, integrity and other requirements specified in the Contract.

Electronic invoicing: Not allowed

Electronic ordering will be used: no

Electronic payment will be used: no

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

No framework agreement

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: State Appeals Commission on Public Procurement

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: Public Enterprise for Railway Infrastructure Railways of the Republic of North Macedonia – Skopje (ZRSMI)

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: State Appeals Commission on Public Procurement

Organisation receiving requests to participate: Public Enterprise for Railway Infrastructure Railways of the Republic of North Macedonia – Skopje (ZRSMI)

Organisation processing tenders: Public Enterprise for Railway Infrastructure Railways of the Republic of North Macedonia – Skopje (ZRSMI)

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Public Enterprise for Railway Infrastructure Railways of the Republic of North Macedonia – Skopje (ZRSMI)

Registration number: 000000

Postal address: Zeleznicka 50b

Town: Skopje

Postcode: 1000

Country subdivision (NUTS): Скопски (MK008)

Country: North Macedonia

Email: phase3@mzi.mk

Telephone: +389 2 3227 903

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure

Organisation receiving requests to participate

Organisation processing tenders

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: State Appeals Commission on Public Procurement

Registration number: 0000

Postal address: Filip Vtori Makedonski no. 11/4

Town: Skopje

Postcode: 1000

Country subdivision (NUTS): Скопски (MK008)

Country: North Macedonia

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0000

Official name: Publications Office of the European Union

Registration number: PUBL

Town: Luxembourg

Postcode: 2417

Country subdivision (NUTS): Luxembourg (LU000)

Country: Luxembourg

Email: ted@publications.europa.eu

Telephone: +352 29291

Internet address: <https://op.europa.eu>

Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

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