

INVITATION FOR OFFER

Based on Decision no. 349, dated 12.06.2018 of the Council of Ministers "On the approval of support measures for the promotion of the use of electricity from renewable sources of sun and wind, as well as procedures for selecting projects for their benefit", Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, has opened the bidding procedure for selecting the bidder for the development of the project for the construction of the photovoltaic plant in the Akerni Zone (Vlora).

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3. **The Object of the Bidding Procedure:** Selection of the project for the construction of the photovoltaic plant for the generation of electricity with installed capacity of 50 MW, as part of the Support Measures, in the Akerni Zone (Vlora) and the construction of additional capacity of 20 MW up to 50 MW, which will not be part of the Support Measures.

4. **Type of Bidding Procedure:** Open

5. **Location of Project:** Bashkia Vlorë, Zona Akerni, në Zonën Kadastrale ZK.1007, Vlorë

6. **Duration of the Project Agreement:** 30 years, with the right of renewal

7. **Duration of the Power Purchase Agreement:** As part of the support measures, a Power Purchase Agreement will be signed for a capacity of 50 MW for a period of 15 years.
8. **Timeline for Execution of Works:** 18 months from Effective Date, which is the date of signing of the Project Agreement.
9. **Deadline for Submission of Bids:** No later than 12.00 hours Central European Time on 17th September 2018. The Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy will issue the confirmation of receipt of the bid, with the date and time of acceptance. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. They will be returned to the bidders without being opened.
10. **Time for Opening bids:** 12.00 hours Central European Time on 17th September 2018
11. **Bid Validity:** 150 days (one hundred and fifty) from the deadline set for the opening of bids.
12. **Payment of the Participation Fee in the Bidding Procedure:** Bidders wishing to participate in the Bidding Procedure must pay in advance the participation fee in the Bidding Procedure. The interested parties are required to provide evidence on the payment of the tariff of participation in the Bidding Procedure, stating the name of the subject for which the fee is paid. If the interested party acts as an authorized representative of a company or union of societies, it is required to file an authorization from the company or union of societies.

The Contracting Authority will keep a register of the persons who have paid the participation fee, on the basis of which the bidders who may participate in the Bidding Procedure are identified.

The fee for participation in the Bidding Procedure is Euro 2,000 (Euro Two Thousand). Payment shall be made to the account of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, with the following data:

Name of Beneficiary Institution:	MIN. INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY Directory of Budget and Financial Management
Code of Institution:	1006001
Treasury Branch Code:	3535
Document Purchase for Tender:	7113013
Description:	The participation fee in the competing procedure for “the Selection of Projects for the Construction of the Photovoltaic Plant for the Production of Electricity with Generating Capacity installed 50 MW as part of the Support Measures, in the Akerni Zone (Vlora)”

The participation fee in the competing procedure is non-refundable.

Only Bidders who have paid the participation fee for the Bidding Procedure have the right to participate in this procedure.

The Bidding Procedure documents may be withdrawn from the above mentioned subjects starting from August 6, 2018 on a daily basis, except Saturday and Sunday, from 9:00 to 14:00 at the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy - Street "Abdi Toptani", no.8, Tirana, Albania, Tel + 355 4 2222245. The person in charge of issuing the Bidding Procedure documents: Ervin Duraj e-mail: ervin.duraj@infrastruktura.gov.al

- 13. Language for Submission of Bids:** Bids must be submitted in Albanian or English. If the documentation is submitted in English, the bidder is also obliged to submit a translation into Albanian language. In case of dispute, translation into Albanian language will be used to interpret information and ambiguities.
- 14. Data on the Location of the Project:** The area where the project will be developed is the Akerni Area, Vlora Municipality ZK 1007. The area of Akernia is one of the most favourable areas with high solar radiation a solar energy potential of more than 1600 kWh/m². Coordinates of the identified area are specified in the Bidding Procedure Documents
- 15. Connection to Transmission Network:** The photovoltaic plant must be connected with the 110 kV transmission network.

The network connection distances and schemes may vary depending on the final area of photovoltaic park construction, the position where the 110/TM kV elevation substation of the photovoltaic park in the area will be built, as well as the line trail to the point of connection to the grid transmission.
- 16. Infrastructure Costs:** All infrastructure costs for project access and project connection to the transmission network shall be borne by the Bidder.
- 17. Bid Security:** Bidders must submit Bid Security at value Euro 200.000.
- 18. Pre-Offer Questions:** Potential Bidders may submit questions about the Bidding Procedure Documents by E-mail at the designated E-mail address of the contact person. All questions should be submitted by 15:00 hours Central European Time on August 24th, 2018.
- 19. Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit:** The Contracting Authority will organize a pre-bid meeting and a site visit for all bidders who have paid the participation fee for the Bidding Procedure. The timing and venue of the Pre-Bid meeting will be:

Time: 10:00 hours Central European Time on 27th August 2018

Place: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy

Each Bidder will be allowed to bring a maximum of 3 people to the pre-bid meeting and on-site visit. Bidder's representatives must hold the appropriate authorization to participate in the pre-bid meeting and the site visit on behalf of the Bidders. During the pre-bid meeting, the representatives of the Contracting Authority will clarify queries of potential bidders on various aspects of the bidding.

A field visit for bidders will also be included in the pre-bid meeting.

20. Answer to Pre-bid Questions: The Contracting Authority will give an answer by 31st August 2018 for all questions submitted by the bidders who have paid the participation fee in the Bidding Procedure.

21. Bid Evaluation Criteria: Bid Evaluation Criteria will comprise of the following

- a) Prequalification criteria: This includes the fulfilment of the legal criteria and the reliability of the bidders;
- b) Technical criteria (70 points): This includes the fulfilment of technical and financial criteria;
- c) The financial criterion (30 points): This includes the quotation of the Bidder for a fixed 15-year fee in Euro / MWh as part of the Support Measures and commitment to build additional capacities from 20 MW to 50 MW, which will not be part of the Support Measures.

22. Procedure Development: Bidders shall submit the required documents to the DPK in a sealed envelope (or sealed box) signed by the Bidder's representative and the seal of the Bid Company. This envelope will have 3 envelopes inside:

- a) Prequalification Documents (an envelope)
- b) Technical Documents (an envelope)
- c) Financial Documents (an envelope)

The Special Commission may continue the Bidding Procedure even in the presence of a single bidder.

23. Signature of Contract: The Contracting Authority will negotiate and sign the contract with the Bidder who has submitted the best-evaluated proposal.

This notice will be published in the bulletin of official notices starting from 06.08.2018.