

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Republic of Macedonia

Agriculture Strengthening and Accession Project

IBRD Loan/4861-MK

Procurement of Tagging Hardware for Veterinary Directorate

MK-ASAP-C3-ICB-G01/2

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in *Development Business* on July 2, 2007.
2. The *Republic of Macedonia* has received a loan from the *International Bank for Reconstruction and Development* toward the cost of *Agriculture Strengthening and Accession Project*, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the Contract for Procurement of Tagging Hardware for Veterinary Directorate – MK-ASAP-C3-ICB-G01/2.
3. The *Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy* now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the supply of tagging hardware, as follows:

LOT#1: Ear tags for bovine

Item 1: Pair of ear tags – 50.000

LOT#2: Ear tags for small ruminants

Item 1: Individual identification with two ear tags – 1.000.000

Item 2: Individual identification with one ear tag – 100.000

Item 3: Group identification – 300.000

Bids will be evaluated and contract will be awarded in lot by lot basis.

4. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, May 2004, revised October 1, 2006* and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from *the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy, Project Team Office; Attn: Mr. Vlatko Mrkev, Procurement Specialist* and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address (1) given below from *Monday to Friday between 9:00AM to 3:00PM local time*.
6. Qualifications requirements include: *Completion of supply of tagging hardware in at least three contracts of similar size and nature to this contract in EU member country (ies) during the last three years. References/confirmation letters from the purchasers shall be submitted with the Bid. A margin of preference for eligible national contractors shall not be applied.* Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in *English* may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of 50 EUR or equivalent amount in Macedonian Denars (MKD). The method of payment will be direct deposit or transfer in EUR, SWIFT BIC: NBRM MK 2X; IBAN: MK07 1007 0100 0002 983 in National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia; Correspondent bank: DEUTSCHE BUNDESBANK ZENTRALE, Wilhelm Epstein strasse 14, Frankfurt am Main, Germany (SWIFT BIC: MARK DE FF), in favor of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy. For payments in MKD the direct deposit can be made in Account No. 1400100280786D4, income code 724125, program 13, in favor of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy-Agriculture Strengthening and Accession Project. The exchange rate to be applied is the selling exchange rate from the list of the National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia, prevailing on the day of payment. The Bidding Documents will be sent by courier at the address indicated by the bidder.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address (2) below at or before 13:00 hours, local time on March 22, 2010. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address (3) below at 13:02 hours, local time on March 22, 2010. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in amount of 450 EUR for LOT#1 and 6.000 EUR for LOT#2 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

9. The addresses referred to above are:

Address 1

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy
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Mr. Vlatko Mrkev, Procurement Specialist
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Address 2

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy
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1000 Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

Address 3

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy
Second floor, Conference Room
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