

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

February 10, 2016

Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo

“Additional Financing for the Financial Sector Strengthening and Market Infrastructure Project” Credit No: 5006-XK

“2x Storage Systems”

CBK_FSSMIP 001 2016

1. This Invitation for Bids (IFB) follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that appeared in UNDB online on June 2011.
2. The Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo (hereinafter *The Central Bank*) has received a credit from the International Development Association towards the cost of *Financial Sector Strengthening and Market Infrastructure Project (FSSMIP)* and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for “2x Storage Systems”.
3. The *Central Bank* serves as the implementing agency for the project and now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for supply of the IT equipment as per below technical specifications, and including also training for certain parts.
4. Bidding will be conducted using the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank’s Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, edition of *May 2004, Revised October 2006, and May 2010*, and is open to all Bidders eligible as defined in these Guidelines, that meet the following minimum qualification criteria:

Qualification requirements for Bidders are:

- (1) During the past four (4) years, the Bidder must have completed two (2) successful contracts involving storage systems of similar functional/technical characteristics and of a comparable scale.
 - (2) Minimum average annual turnover in the past three years (2013, 2014 and 2015) should be Euro 350,000.
5. Bidding documents may be obtained free of charge by interested bidders on the submission of a written request to the address below:

Attn.:

Procurement division
Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo (CBK)

Str. "Garibaldi" 33, 10000 Prishtina

Republic of Kosovo (*Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address*)

International bidders will be provided electronically (via e-mail) with bidding documents, upon submission of a written request to the respective address.

6. Bids shall be valid for a period of *90 days* after Bid opening and must be accompanied by a *Bid Security in the amount of Euros 3,000*. Bid security should be issued by a reputable bank or financial institution and shall remain valid for a period of four weeks beyond the validity period for the bid.
7. Bids shall be delivered to the *Central Bank (Office of Archive, no. 02), Str. "Garibaldi" 33, 10000 Prishtina, Republic of Kosovo, before March 24, 2016 at 14:00 hrs*. Electronic bidding *shall not* be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend *in person*.
8. The attention of prospective Bidders is drawn to (i) the fact that they will be required to certify in their bids that all software is either covered by a valid license or was produced by the Bidder and (ii) that violations are considered fraud, which can result in ineligibility to be awarded World Bank-financed contracts.

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