







# Pre-proposal conference

# Laboratory Equipment for Solid-Biomass Fuel Quality Certification ITB15/01098

## 24 September 2015, 10:00 LeRoi International Business Center, 29 Sfatul Tarii str., of.305, Chisinau

Participants	
3 representatives of 2 companies attended the meeting	
UNDP Moldova	
1. Mihai Maciuca	MEBP Procurement and Contract Management Officer
2. Vitalie Vieru	MEBP Engineer
3. Lilian Bostan	Technical Consultant

#### Background:

On 17 September 2015 UNDP Moldova issued an Invitation to Bid for the procurement of Laboratory Equipment for solid-biomass fuel quality certification. The equipment is to be supplied to the Biomass Quality Assurance Center in Moldova that has been recently established at the State Agrarian University of Moldova. The deadline for submission of bids is 06 October 2015, 16:30 local time. The bids will be opened on 06 October 2015, 17:00, in the presence of bidders who choose to attend the bid opening.

In accordance with the ITB conditions the Bidders may choose to bid for one or several items specified in the bidding documents.

It was specifically noted that the Item 1 shall be awarded to the bidder offering the lowest lifecycle cost taking into account not only the initial price of the equipment but also the cost of consumables for production of 5,000 sample tests. The bidders are required to specify the consumables required for this purpose based on the manufacturer's specifications and operating instructions and additionally fill in the consumption of Oxygen and Helium or Argon for the production of 1 sample test and 5,000 sample tests respectively. However, the cost of replenishing the gas cylinders shall be determined by UNDP based on the average prices on the local market.

#### Questions and answers:

Q: Is the delivery period determinant in the selection of the winning bid?

A: Yes. Complying with the delivery deadline is mandatory. Any offer that will not meet this requirement will be rejected. In the context of the tight delivery schedule bidders may offer several options of equipment indicating the delivery plan for each option.

Q: Apart from the actual delivery of equipment, is it mandatory to accomplish the testing/calibration, training and commissioning within the 45 period?

- A: The requirement is to deliver the equipment within the specified timeframe. All the incidental services may be conducted after the delivery but no later than 15 December 2015.
- Q: Supply of gasses (oxygen and argon/helium) in accordance with the local legislation in an activity that requires special authorization. What is the recommendation for suppliers if they do not have such an authorization?
- A: In case the offeror does not have an authorization for the supply of gasses (oxygen and argon/helium) it is recommended to outsource this service from a local authorized gas supplier. Nonetheless, the responsibility for the supply of filled cylinders lies on the contractor.
- Q: In Item 1 specifications, it is required manual sample introduction system. Would you also accept equipment with automatic sample feeding systems?
- A: If the offered device is available with manual feeding system, this device should be offered in the first instance. Devices with automatic feeding systems may be accepted only if manually fed devices are not available.
- Q: For Item 1, do you require a metrological approval of the equipment or calibration certificate from an independent body?
- A: Both options are acceptable. The calibration certificate may be issued either by a national metrology body or by a calibration laboratory accredited / recognized in accordance with the European Union standards.
- Q: Are there any limitations of the origin of devices?
- A: There are no such limitations. The equipment may be produced in any country as long as it is Compliant to EU Directives and CE Marking requirements.
- Q: Is it necessary to provide origin certificates for the equipment?
- A: Yes. All the equipment shall be supplied along with the origin certificates.

## Answer to queries received by email:

- Q: Please clarify if all documents requested in Data Sheet, like: Certificate of Registration of business, ISO, balance sheet, etc. could be presented in Romanian or must be translated to English by an authorized translation?
- A: Documents may be submitted with an unofficial translation into English.