

In accordance with Article 89, paragraph 1 and 2 of the Law on the Use of Renewable Energy Sources (*The Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia*, Nos. 40/21 and 35/23) and Article 4 of the Regulation on the selection of a strategic partner for the execution of the project of construction without management or maintenance of self-balanced high-capacity solar power plants with battery systems for electricity storage in the Republic of Serbia (*The Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia*, No. 58/23).

Republic of Serbia



MINISTRY OF MINING AND ENERGY

hereby announces

CALL FOR PROPOSAL

for the selection of a strategic partner for the execution of the project of construction without management or maintenance of self-balanced high-capacity solar power plants with battery systems for electricity storage in the Republic of Serbia (hereinafter: Project).

I. INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

The Public Call shall be implemented based on the principle of public bidding, based on the collected bids, principle of transparency and prohibition of discrimination, the principle of environmental protection and principle of efficiency.

The goal of the strategic partnership process in accordance with the Law on the Use of Renewable Energy Sources (*The Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia*, Nos. 40/21 and 35/23) is the selection of financially viable bidders with executed important reference projects in their portfolio corresponding to the subject of this procedure for the selection of the strategic partner, which may ensure the application of advanced technologies in the construction of solar power plants of the total installed power of 1 GW, in a manner which will enable the integration of electricity from variable renewable sources into the existing electricity system of the Republic of Serbia.

During the selection and implementation of the Public Call for selection of a strategic partner and conclusion of an agreement on the execution of the project with the strategic partner, regulations governing public procurement procedure and regulations governing public private partnership do not apply.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Serbia (hereinafter: Government), the Public Call shall be implemented by the Working Group for the selection of a strategic partner for the execution of the project of construction without management or maintenance of self-balanced high-capacity solar power plants with battery systems for electricity storage in the Republic of Serbia (hereinafter: Working Group).

The Working Group shall maintain the confidentiality and secrecy of technical, economic and other data from the submitted bids.

II. SUBJECT OF THE PUBLIC CALL

The subject of the Public Call is the selection of a strategic partner for the execution of the project of construction without management or maintenance of self-balanced high-capacity solar power of the total installed power plants of 1,000 MWAC/1,200 MWDC with battery systems for electricity storage of total installed power of at least 200 MW and possibility of storing 400 MWh, which will be owned and managed by the Joint Stock Company “Elektroprivreda Srbije” (hereinafter: Public Call).

Project technical data

The Government, through a strategic partnership model and public financing, wants to execute the Project in order to:

1. achieve the energy transition objectives and fulfil the international obligations of the Republic of Serbia in accordance with Article 87, paragraph 1, point 2) of the Law on the Use of Renewable Energy Sources (*The Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia*, Nos. 40/21 and 35/23);
2. Reduce the need for import of electricity and ensure long-term security of supply for consumers in the Republic of Serbia at economically affordable prices;
3. Minimise the negative impact of cross-border charges on carbon dioxide emissions (Cross-border adjustment mechanism - CBAM);
4. Satisfy the growing needs for capacities capable for providing balanced systemic services.

As a part of the execution of the Project, the main obligations of the strategic partner are:

1. Organising finance - The strategic partner should provide letters of intent from international financial institution, banks, reputable export credit agencies, or other sources of financing for the execution of the Project. Financing should be suitable for public financing of the Project with a postponable repayment during the construction of the project with a long repayment term (at least 15 years) and other terms and conditions acceptable for the Republic of Serbia. During the negotiations with the selected strategic partner on the elements of the Project Execution Agreement, the Ministry of Finance, in collaboration with the Ministry of Mining and Energy, negotiates on the financing terms and conditions which will be an integral part of the Project Financing Agreement;
2. Project development — after gaining the status, the Strategic Partner should conduct a preliminary analysis of the project including the development of the Prefeasibility Study with the General Design, in accordance with the Law on Planning and Construction. These activities entail the selection of optimal locations for construction of solar power plants and battery systems for electricity storage, development of appropriate spatial planning documentation, development of appropriate studies on the economic and social sustainability of the Project, and primarily the Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Environmental Impact Assessment Study, as well as the Study on the Protection of Cultural and Archaeological Heritage and War Memorials and other documentation relating to the protection of archaeological heritage;
3. Design: The strategic partner will draw up the technical documentation necessary for the execution of the Project (Conceptual Design, Feasibility Study with the Preliminary Design, Construction Permit Design, Detailed Design and As-Built Design) in accordance with the Law on Planning and Construction;
4. Purchase of the necessary goods and services: The strategic partner will fully complete the purchase of equipment, software solutions and services necessary for the construction of the Project;
5. Construction of the Project: The strategic partner will be responsible for the execution of works on the construction of all the components of the Project, including obtaining an exploitation permit and licences for production of electricity.

6. Initial management and maintenance of the Project: the strategic partner will provide services of management and maintenance of the Project during the two years from its construction and the beginning of its exploitation. During this period, the strategic partner must conduct a knowledge transfer and train the EPS technical team to optimally manage the Project, including techniques of optimal planning of the production of solar power plants, techniques of the optimal management of the solar tracking systems of solar power plants and techniques of the optimal usage of battery systems for electricity storage.

The project will be developed, constructed and delivered its the ownership to EPS as “turnkey delivery”. This means that the strategic partner, in addition to the construction of solar power plants and battery systems for electricity storage, will have to conduct all other necessary activities, as well as the construct all other infrastructure necessary for normal functioning of the Project, including but not limited to:

1. preparation of the terrain for placement of solar power plants and battery systems;
2. construction of infrastructure needed for connecting solar power plants and battery systems to the electricity system, including an expansion of transmission or distribution capacities, if needed;
3. installation of telecommunications infrastructure needed for monitoring and management of solar power plants and battery systems. Construction of access roads and fencing of the constructed infrastructure.

The execution of this project will considerably improve the status of the electricity sector in the Republic of Serbia, as well as the status of EPS as the key electricity producer, while the battery system for electricity storage will considerably improve the possibilities for balancing of the electricity system.

The project consists of two components:

Solar power plants, with a total installed power of 1,000 MWac (1,200 MWdc). In order to ensure the highest possible balance of electrical energy production, the total installed power must be distributed in five or more independent solar power plants. The locations of solar power plants and the number and installed power of each individual solar power plant will be proposed by the strategic partner. The location and Terms of Reference for the development of technical solutions for solar power plants shall be adopted by the Working Group for monitoring the execution of the project, on the basis of a coordinated proposal by the strategic partner, Ministry of Mining and Energy and EPS. The strategic partner shall design on the basis of the adopted Terms of Reference. In order to achieve a higher production of electricity, particularly during the parts of the day when the price of electricity is considerably higher than the average (morning and afternoon hours), solar panels should be installed in single axis solar tracking systems. Solar power plants/single axis tracking systems should be equipped with a software for optimal production of electricity. Also, EPS, as the owner of these power plants, should be given an adequate software platforms and professional knowledge for making a solid short-term production forecast for these power plants. In this regard, the strategic partner is obliged to provide trainings for EPS employees, both with regard to solar power plants and with regard to the battery system, which should be conducted continuously for a year from the date of the commencement of construction works to the expiration of a two-year period after the commissioning of the solar power plants.

The battery systems for electricity storage, with the total installed power of at least 200 MW and an accumulation capacity of at least 40 MWh of electricity, distributed in multiple

important locations within the electricity system of the Republic of Serbia. Locations of battery systems for electricity storage will be proposed by the strategic partner. Battery systems should be equipped with the appropriate software which will optimise the use of these plants by providing systemic services and balancing services.

Type of renewable energy source: Non-fossil renewable source of energy - Sun.

Method of production and conditions for obtaining electricity

Since EPS will be the owner of the Project, all constructed production capacities and accompanying infrastructure, other than the parts of the plant for connection, which, according to the rules, must be delivered to the ownership to the transmission or distribution system operators, will be included into the EPS product portfolio. All the generated electricity of solar power plants and services delivered by battery systems will be integrated into the EPS operational plans.

Environmental protection requirements

As a part of the procedure of considering potential locations and selecting locations for each individual facility for the construction of multiple self-balanced high-capacity solar power plants, it is necessary, for the purpose of protection of biological, geological and landscape diversity as a part of the environment, to fulfil the following obligations:

For category I protected areas of national / exceptional importance, and for category II protected areas of provincial, regional / great importance, it is necessary to obtain an act on environmental protection requirements in accordance with Art. 9, paragraph 8 and Art. 57 of the Law on Nature Protection (*The Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia*, Nos. 36/2009, 88/2010, 91/2010-corrigendum, 14/2016, 95/2018-as amended and 71/2021). For the above category I and II protected areas, as proclaimed by the Government, an act on the environmental protection requirements shall be issued by the ministry in charge of environmental protection affairs, according to a previously obtained expert basis of the competent institute.

For category III protected areas of local importance, as proclaimed by the competent authority of a local self-government unit, it is necessary to obtain an act on the environmental protection requirements issued by the Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia in accordance with Art. 9, paragraph 10 and Art. 57 of the Law on Nature Protection.

For areas which are not protected areas, for which no protection procedure has been implemented or initiated, it is also necessary to obtain an act on the environmental protection requirements issued by the Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia in accordance with Art. 9, paragraph 1 of the Law on Nature Protection.

Requirements concerning the protection of cultural monuments if there are any on the location where the facility will be built

Requirements concerning the protection of cultural monuments if there are any on the location where the facility will be built are as follows:

1. Drawing up studies on the protection of cultural and archaeological heritage and war memorials;
2. Archaeological monitoring of the execution of works for the purpose of timely registering the archaeological heritage and taking steps in accordance with Art. 109 and 110 of the Cultural Property Law;
3. In case of identification of archaeological heritage during the execution of works - suspension of works, protective archaeological excavations, conservation, presentation and publication, all costs borne by the Investor;

4. In case of conducting a research, it is necessary to prescribe new protection requirements (defining the possibility of construction).

During the drawing up of the technical documentation, certain archaeological research (Lidar, geophysics, geoboring, probe research) shall be conducted in order to avoid additional works and loss of time during the execution of works.

Energy efficiency requirements:

The strategic partner will, in addition to the maximum exploitation of natural resources in the form of solar energy, by using highly efficient solar panels and single axis tracking systems, pay particular attention to the application of energy efficiency measures, by:

1. optimising the internal grid of solar power plants and battery systems, selecting single-pole schemes, inverters and low-voltage, medium-voltage and high-voltage elements which would reduce electricity losses;
2. strategically locating battery systems for electricity storage which will reduce electricity losses in the electricity system by (1) controlling voltage conditions and reactive power flows and (2) reducing peak loads and flows in system elements.

Requirements concerning the termination of operation of the facility

The decision on the termination of operation of solar power plants and battery systems after the end of their life cycle will be made by EPS, as the owner of the Project.

The strategic partner will, as a part of the agreement with the suppliers of equipment which cannot be properly stored or recycled, at the request of the Government or EPS, incorporate a contractual provision on mandatory acquisition of that equipment by the manufacturer at the end of the life cycle of the facility. EPS will conclude a separate agreement on mandatory acquisition of equipment that cannot be properly stored or recycled with the equipment manufacturer with which the strategic partner has concluded the agreement.

III RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN A PUBLIC BID

A bidder may be a domestic or foreign legal person, consortium of domestic and/or foreign legal person.

A strategic partner shall also be considered to be a consortium, as well as any associated person and/or persons of the strategic partner, and/or any company or companies that the strategic partner and/or their associated person or persons establish for the purposes of implementation of the project that is the subject matter of the public bid in accordance with the provisions regulating companies.

IV CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN A PUBLIC CALL

A bidder interested in concluding a project execution agreement with the Investor and the Republic of Serbia as the Financier must meet the criteria defining the right to participate in a public call ad criteria which are the basis for evaluation of bids, as defined in Art. 7 and 8 of the Regulation on the selection of a strategic partner for the execution of the project of construction without management or maintenance of self-balanced high-capacity solar power plants with battery systems for electricity storage in the Republic of Serbia (*The Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia*, No. 58/23– hereafter: Regulation).

V CRITERIA DEFINING THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC CALL AND DOCUMENTS PROVING THE FULFILMENT OF THESE CRITERIA

Criteria defining the right to participate in the public call are requirements that a bidder must fulfil in order to participate in a procedure for the selection of a strategic partner. These are not scoring criteria.

A bidder may be a domestic or a foreign legal person, or a consortium of domestic and/or foreign legal persons.

The criteria for participation in a public call are:

1. for a domestic legal person, that it is registered with the competent authority, which shall be proven by an excerpt from the Business Registers Agency, or excerpt from the registry of the competent Commercial Court;
2. for a foreign legal person, that it has a registered branch in the Republic of Serbia, which shall be proven by an excerpt from the Business Registers Agency, or excerpt from the registry of the competent Commercial Court;
3. for a foreign legal person without a registered branch in the Republic of Serbia, that, at the time of the submission of the bid, it shall submit a statement in which it undertakes to establish a branch in the Republic of Serbia for the purpose of the execution of the Project prior to the signing of the Agreement. In addition to this statement, this foreign legal person is obliged to also submit a document issued by the competent foreign authority proving that the person is registered in the parent country;
4. for the Consortium and Joint Venture, it is necessary for the bidder to submit an agreement on mutual business and technical cooperation for the execution of the Project, as well as a document issued by a competent foreign authority proving that it is registered in the parent country (for each members of the Consortium);
5. that the bidder is not under sanctions and/or exclusions (including all the decisions resulting in a temporary or permanent exclusion, such as a temporary suspension or a prohibition of the participation in tenders, conditional non-exclusion etc) by international development banks, such as the World Bank, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, or the Inter-American Development Bank, which shall be proven by displaying the current list on websites of international development banks at the time of the bid submission, where, in case that the bidder is a member of a Consortium or Joint Venture, it is necessary for each member individually to meet the requirement;
6. that important works on the construction of at least 25.000MW of electricity projects (power plants for energy production) have been completed, which shall be proven by a certificate issued by the Employer, with a description of the completed works;
7. that the bidder has over 5,000 employees, which shall be proven by a statement of the bidder;
8. that the bidder has annual turnover of financial resources over the last three years (2020, 2021 and 2022) in the amount of 4.5 billion EUR (or an equivalent amount in other currencies) per year, which shall be proven by submitting a statement by an independent auditor (auditor's financial statement);
9. the bidder should submit a statement on completed preliminary works on the project development for solar power plants and battery systems for electricity storage which should have equal or higher capacity than the capacity of the Project. The report or reports on completed preliminary works shall be submitted in the electronic form on a CD, which shall be a part of the bid;
10. that the bidder has successfully executed at least one agreement of the same or similar nature, on the basis of which solar photovoltaic power plants with the total

installed power of 300 MWp have been constructed, which shall be proven by a certificate issued by the Employer

Agreements of same or similar nature shall mean agreements which concern provision of development services and construction of solar photovoltaic power plants, which have been concluded for the purposes of electric companies.

11. that the bidder has successfully executed at least one agreement of the same or similar nature and fully developed the project (completely developed technical documentation with issued construction permits) and provision of funding for solar photovoltaic power plants with the total installed power of at least 400 MWp, which shall be proven by a certificate issued by the Employer.

Agreements of same or similar nature shall mean agreements which concern provision of development services and construction of solar photovoltaic power plants, which have been concluded for the purposes of electric companies.

Evidence referred to in paragraph 3, points 1 and 2 of this chapter, which are the subject of official records, shall be acquired by the Ministry in accordance with the law.

In case that the bidder is a newly established legal person or branch, the fulfilment of criteria shall be proven by the bidder by submitting references from an associated person within the meaning of the Companies Act.

The criteria referred to in paragraph 3, points 6-11 of this chapter shall be fulfilled by members of the Consortium together.

In addition to the criteria referred to in paragraph 3 of this chapter, the bidder is obliged to submit the following in the bid:

1. a statement of undertaking to complete the offered solar power plants no later than 1 June 2028, which will be an integral part of the agreement with the selected strategic partner;
2. a statement of undertaking by the bidder that the bidder will also hire domestic subcontractors, which will be an integral part of the agreement with the selected strategic partner;
3. a letter of intent by international financial institution, banks, reputable export credit agencies, or other sources of financing for the execution of the Project. Financing should be suitable for public financing of the Project with a postponable repayment during the construction of the project with a long repayment term (at least 15 years) and other terms and conditions acceptable for the Republic of Serbia;
4. a banking guarantee for the seriousness of the bid, in the amount defined in this Public Call;
5. a statement by the bidder that, as a part of the contractual price, it will bear all the costs of the execution of the complete Project, including but not limited to obtaining permits, development of planning and technical documentation, if holders of exclusive rights to the development of technical documentation must be hired in the locations intended for construction in this territory, the Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Environmental Impact Assessment Study, as well as the Study on the protection of cultural and archaeological heritage and war memorials, with the implementation of previous archaeological research, in accordance with international standards, protective archaeological excavations, keeping and publishing goods which enjoy previous protection until they are handed over to the authorised institution for protection, and other studies during the development of technical documentation, all as “turnkey delivery”.
6. The bidder should submit a letter of the equipment manufacturer which shall confirm, to a specific bidder, the required technical characteristics, quantity of incorporated products, and the possibility of delivery of products needed for the execution of Projects

of the strategic partner for capacities of solar power plants with the installed power of 1GW, in accordance with the bid, namely:

6.1 solar panels with long life cycles, high efficiency and low production degradation, which shall not fall under 82% of the initial capacity during 30 years of exploitation, manufactured by a company which has panels installed in over 5,000 MW solar power plants;

6.2 systems for installation of solar panels with single axis trackers, with a long life cycle of at least 30 years, manufactured by a company which has installed its systems in over 30 000 MW solar power plants;

6.3 inverters with a long life cycle and high efficiency (over 98.5%), manufactured by a company which has installed over 10,000 MW of its inverters;

6.4 energy transformers of high reliability and long life cycle, manufactured by a company which has incorporated over 200,000 MVa electricity installations into the grid.

6.5 battery systems for electricity storage with long life cycles and high reliability, manufactured by a company which has installed over 10,000 MWh of battery systems for electricity storage.

7. bidder's statement that it will execute the Project which meets the Requirements defined in chapter 6 of this Public Call which are not listed as criteria which are the basis for evaluation of bids, and which will be an integral part of the Project Execution Agreement with the selected strategic partner.

VI CRITERIA WHICH ARE THE BASIS FOR EVALUATION OF BIDS AND DOCUMENTS PROVIDING THE FULFILMENT OF THESE CRITERIA

Criteria which are the basis for evaluation of bids are the criteria on the basis of which a bid shall be evaluated.

Bids shall be ranked on the basis of the sum of points, so that the top ranked bid is the one with the highest score.

In case that the bidder is a newly established legal person or branch, the fulfilment of criteria shall be proven by the bidder by submitting references from an associated person within the meaning of the Companies Act.

The criteria which are the basis for evaluation of bids are:

1. Business criterion: offered total installed power of battery systems for electricity storage - 20 points. The minimum allowable offered installed power of charging and discharging is 200MW with the capacity of 400 MWh, while the highest allowed offered installed power of charging and discharging is 300MW with the capacity of 600 MWh.

The fulfilment of the criterion shall be proven by a certificate of the equipment supplier that it will submit battery systems for electricity storage with the proposed capacity.

2. Human resources of the bidder: number of structure of the bidder's expert personnel – 20 points:

(1) Number of electrical engineers – 4 points (minimum 4 engineers);

(2) Number of mechanical engineers – 4 points (minimum 1 engineer);

(3) Number of civil engineers – 4 points (minimum 3 engineers);

(4) Number of other engineers (technology, ecology etc.) – 4 points (minimum 4 engineers);

(5) Number of installation technicians – 4 points (minimum 10 engineers);

The criterion shall be proven by a bidder's statement.

3. Defect liability period of key components of the equipment – 30 points:
(1) Defect liability period of solar panels (in years) – 6 points (minimum 2 years);
(2) Defect liability period of the system for installation of solar panels (in years) – 6 points (minimum 2 years);
(3) Defect liability period of inverters (in years) – 6 points (minimum 2 years);
(4) Defect liability period of energy transformers (in years) – 6 points (minimum 2 years);
(5) Defect liability period of battery systems (in years) – 6 points (minimum 2 years).
The criterion shall be proven by a statement of the equipment manufacturer.

4. Technical characteristics of key components – 30 points:
(1) Extent of degradation of solar panels after one year according to the warranty (in %) – 7 points (maximum 0.7%);
(2) Capacity of a solar panel after 30 years of exploitation relative to the nominal capacity (in %) – 7 points (minimum 82%);
(3) Nominal efficiency of inverters (in %) – 6 points (minimum 95%);
(4) Nominal efficiency of energy transformers (in %) – 5 points (minimum 98%);
(5) AC-AC efficiency of one battery charging cycle (from the grid) and battery discharge (into the grid) – 5 points (minimum 85%);

The criterion shall be proven by a statement of the equipment manufacturer and appropriate technical certificates.

The minimum and/or maximum allowed values are Requirements that the bidder must meet in order to execute the Project, and they are not the basis for evaluation of bids.

The bidder with the best values per the individual criterion which serves as the basis for bid evaluation will be given the maximum score, the bidder with the poorest values per an individual criterion will be given a 0 score, while other bidders will get scores in proportion to the range between the highest and the lowest value per that criterion.

If there are two or more bids with the same number of points, the priority will be given to the bid of the bidder with the higher annual turnover of financial resources in the last three years (2020, 2021 and 2022).

VII METHOD AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS

Bids shall be submitted to the Ministry of Mining and Energy by post at the address: Nemanjina 22-26, 11000 Beograd, in a closed envelope, marked as “Application to the Public Call for the selection of a strategic partner for the execution of the project of construction without management or maintenance of self-balanced high-capacity solar power plants with battery systems for electricity storage in the Republic of Serbia” (in a closed envelope with a full address of the sender at the back of the envelope).

In case that a bid is submitted by a group of bidders, it is necessary to write the names and addresses of all participants in the joint bid on the envelope.

After the receipt, all bids shall be submitted to the Working Group, unopened.

A timely bid shall be deemed one received and certified with a stamp confirming the receipt in the registry office no later than on 20 September 2023 at 10 a.m., regardless of the delivery mode.

Untimely bids shall not be opened and will not be taken into consideration.

A bidder may submit only one bid.

A bidder which has independently submitted a bid may not simultaneously take part in a joint bid, nor may the same person take part in multiple joint bids.

In the Bid Form (Form 1), the bidder shall state the manner in which it submits the bid, i.e. if it is submitting the bid individually or as a joint bid.

VIII PROCEDURE OF BID OPENING, EVALUATION OF BIDS AND ADOPTION OF THE DECISION ON THE SELECTION OF THE STRATEGIC PARTNER

Timely bids shall be opened and reviewed by the Working Group, which shall establish the extent of fulfilment of the requirements and assigns scores to the bids in the manner defined by the Regulation and the Public Call.

The bid opening may be attended by one authorised representative of each bidder. The bid opening will take place at the premises of the Ministry of Mining and Energy at the address: Kralja Milana 36, Beograd, on 30 September 2023, beginning at 1 p.m.

The working group shall first determine the fulfilment of criteria defining the right to participate in the public call. Bids which do not meet the above criteria shall not be taken into further consideration.

Scoring shall be based on the scoring criteria which serve as the basis for bid evaluation, and ranked according to the sum of points per the above criteria.

The working group, after an implemented bid evaluation procedure, shall submit the Draft Decision on the selection of the strategic partner and Report of the procedure to the Government for adoption, in accordance with the Law on the Use of Renewable Energy Sources, Regulation and Public Call.

After the adoption of the decision of the Government on the selection of the strategic partner, the Working Group shall negotiate with the selected strategic partner for the purpose of concluding the Project Execution Agreement.

The Government Working Group shall, after the negotiations with the selected strategic partner and after aligning the elements of the Project Financing Agreement, submit a report to the Government with a proposal that the Agreement with the selected strategic partner be concluded, or that the Government shall adopt another decision on further procedure depending on the results of the negotiations.

The Government, as the Financier, with the Investor and selected strategic partner, shall conclude the Project Execution Agreement.

If the selected strategic partner does not conclude the Agreement, it will be deemed to have abandoned the bid and the participation in the procedure. In this case, on the basis of an already submitted report on the implemented procedure and proposed ranking, the Government shall adopt another decision on the further procedure, which shall be followed by the Government negotiating on the elements of the Project Execution Agreement with the strategic partner with the next best ranking.

The Project Execution Agreement shall enter into force after its signing and the entry into force of the Project Financing Agreement.

IX OTHER INFORMATION

1. Language

Bids shall be submitted in Serbian and English language.

The Working Group shall retain the right to request the original documents for inspection.

2. Requests with regard to the form of the documents submitted with the bid

Any public document (e.g. document issued by state authorities, document certified by a public notary or court) not issued in the Republic of Serbia must be legalised so it could continue to be used in the Republic of Serbia. The applicable legalisation process depends on

the country where such a public document was issued, i.e. whether such a country is a signatory of the Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents, signed in Hague on 5 October 1961, and whether there is a ratified bilateral agreement on mutual exemption of public documents from legalisation between that country and the Republic of Serbia (or its legal predecessors). Further information may be downloaded from the official website of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Serbia.

3. Additional information and clarifications

Requests for additional information or clarifications shall be sent with the note “Request for additional information or clarifications”, to the **e-mail address: tatjana.radukic@mre.gov.rs**, during the working hours of the Ministry of Mining and Energy, between **7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.**

An interested person may request additional information or clarifications from the Government Working Group with respect to the preparation of the bid, where they may also indicate any identified shortcomings of the Public Call no later than 10 (ten) days prior to the expiration of the bid submission deadline.

The Working Group will, within 5 (five) days from the date of receipt of the request for additional information or clarifications of the Public Call, publish an answer on the website of the Ministry of Mining and Energy.

If the Working Group amends or supplements the Public Call 5 (five) or fewer days prior to the expiration of the bid submission deadline, it may, if it deems it reasonable, extend the bid submission deadline and publish a notification on the extension of the bid submission deadline on the website of the Ministry of Mining and Energy.

After the bid opening, the Working Group may, during the bid evaluation, ask the bidder in writing for further clarifications which will help it in the review, evaluation and comparison of bids, and it may also request additional documentation for the purpose of clarification of a bid.

4. Requirement with respect to the bid validity period

The bid validity period may not be shorter than 6 months from the bid opening date.

In case of expiration of the bid validity period, the Government Working Group shall ask the bidder in writing for an extension of the bid validity period.

The bid should be valid from the date of entry into force of the Decision on the selection of the strategic partner.

A bidder that accepts a request for an extension of the bid validity period must not change the bid.

5. Bid-Securing Declaration

The bidder is obliged to submit, with the bid, an irrevocable, unconditional banking Bid-Securing Declaration payable on the first call without objection, in accordance with Article 1087 of the Law of Contract and Torts, with a validity period until the expiration of the bid validity period, in the amount of 42,000,000.00 EUR (forty-two million euros), by which the bank undertakes the obligation to pay the above amount to the Employer after the receipt of the first call of the Financier in writing, and a statement which indicates that:

- the bidder changed or revoked the bid during the bid validity period;
- the bidder did not, upon request of the Government Working Group, extend the validity period of the banking declaration;

- the bidder did not, within the proper deadline, submit additional documents with a view to clarifying the bid in accordance with the request of the Government Working Group.

The banking Bid-Securing Declaration will be returned within five days from the date of submission of the bidder's written request for the return of the Declaration.

X DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED WITH THE BID

1. Documentation proving the fulfilment of the criteria which define the right to participate in a public call in accordance with chapter V of this Public Call;
2. Documentation proving the fulfilment of the criteria which define for bid evaluation in accordance with chapter VI of this Public Call;
3. Bid-Securing Declaration;
4. filled out, signed FORM 1 with a stamp, which is an integral part of this Public Call;
5. Agreement between the members of the consortium to take part in the Public Call procedure (if the bid is submitted as a joint bid).

BID FORM

Bid No. _____ of _____ for the execution of the project of construction without management or maintenance of self-balanced high-capacity solar power plants with battery systems for electricity storage in the Republic of Serbia.

GENERAL DATA ON THE BIDDER

<i>Name of the Bidder:</i>	
<i>Address of the Bidder:</i>	
<i>Registration number of the Bidder:</i>	
<i>Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) of the Bidder:</i>	
<i>Name of the contact person:</i>	
<i>E-mail of the Bidder:</i>	
<i>Phone:</i>	
<i>Fax:</i>	
<i>Account number and bank of the Bidder:</i>	
<i>Person authorised to sign the agreement</i>	

2) BID SUBMITTED:

A) INDEPENDENTLY
B) AS A JOINT BID

NB: Please circle the method of submission of the bid and write the data below on all participants of the joint bid, if the bid is submitted by a group of bidders.

3) DATA ON A PARTICIPANT IN THE JOINT BID

1)	<i>Name of the participant in the joint bid:</i>	
	<i>Address:</i>	
	<i>Registration No:</i>	
	<i>Tax identification number:</i>	
	<i>Name of the contact person:</i>	
2)	<i>Name of the participant in the joint bid:</i>	
	<i>Address:</i>	
	<i>Registration No:</i>	
	<i>Tax identification number:</i>	
	<i>Name of the contact person:</i>	
3)	<i>Name of the participant in the joint bid:</i>	
	<i>Address:</i>	
	<i>Registration No:</i>	
	<i>Tax identification number:</i>	
	<i>Name of the contact person:</i>	

NB:

The table “Data on the Participant in the Joint Bid” shall be filled out only by the bidders who are submitting the bid, and if the number of participants in the joint bid is higher than the number of places designed in the table, it is necessary to replicate the above mentioned form in the sufficient number of copies, to fill it out and submit for each bidder who is a participant in the joint bid.

BID VALIDITY PERIOD

Bid validity period:
(no more than 6 months from the bid opening date)

_____ months from the date of bid
opening

Date

Signature
