

e-BUDGETING – Q&A SESSION

1. Could the deadlines set in the Invitation to submit bids be shortened?

Yes, but the e-Gov Project and MoF did not request that. If the Contractor is capable to develop the SW application earlier than specified with the satisfactory quality, then e-Gov Project will have nothing against that, but definitely not push for that.

2. Are all the relevant laws available on the web site?

Yes, on the web site of the MoF. If some are missing, then the updated versions will be posted on the web site or provided on bidder's request. The Invitation to submit bids specifies the OG number of each relevant law.

3. Are the licenses for the present ICT infrastructure and platforms used already provided or should the bidder add the to price for licenses to his financial offer?

MoF has all the required licenses for the currently used platforms and databases.

4. How will the use of the digital certificates be regulated? Whose responsibility is?

Digital certificates will be provided (issued) internally by the MoF.

5. Will the source code of the SW application once delivered to the e-Gov Project be provided/transferred only the MoF or to other users in the country or abroad?

The e-Gov Project is not limited to transfer the source code to any entity. However, since the e-Gov Project goal is to facilitate the Macedonian institutions and promote the Macedonian business, there will be no further dissemination of the source code of the SW application, especially not abroad. The system is designed specifically for the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Macedonia and the Macedonian Budget users.

6. Will the system interact with some other systems inside or outside the MoF rather than with already mentioned treasury system?

No, at this stage of the development the system will interact with the treasury system only.

7. Interaction of the application with the treasury system?

This is not required by the bidders (Contractor) and should not be of their interest at this stage, but it might be matter of further agreement.

8. Could we be provided with more details about the ODF (Open Document Format) and transfer of data (export-import)?

The bidders are encouraged to use open standards and not to bind with industry standards which are commonly used now. Tools for export-import of data between the open standard and industry standard are necessity. The ODF is open standard, and it is free and fully available at www.oasis-open.org at no cost.

9. Is there any desired reporting tools?

It's not specified in the System Description, so it means there is no specific requirement about the reporting tools. It depends on the bidder's choice and preference. The only prerequisite would be to have a software application that will allow non IT users of the system to easily create reports as addition to the standard set of predefined reports.

10. How many concurrent users of the system are expected?

The system will be used by approximately 65 users, but probably by not more than 1/3 or 15-20 persons at the same time. The MoF currently has 512Kbps Internet connectivity, and bandwidth can be also dedicated to this system during the pick dates when the system will be most used.

11. What is acceptable form of offering services/solution from more than one company?

In the form "Software company registration information" there is two sections "Company information" and "Contracting Partner information". Does that mean that it is required only one prime contractor for signing the contract with full responsibility, and other should be

subcontractors, or the bidder can form consortium /or joint venture with equal responsibility and right, but can delegate one of the company to sign offer as representative of the consortium.

E-Gov Project shall sign the Contract with the leading partner in case of bid submitted by consortia/joint venture of 2 or more companies. The communication later on, as well as the entire responsibility to implement the project is on the leading partner (prime contractor). However, the registration form shall provide information for all consortia members and should clearly state which one is the leading partner.

12. Please explain in details which form is acceptable and does the bidder need to provide additional documentation beside "Software company registration information" and "Software company reference list".

The bidder shall provide only these 2 forms at this stage.

13. What mean "TIN" in form about Software company registration information?

TIN is abbreviation and stands for "Tax Identification Number" (unique number that is assigned to each registered company by the Public Revenue Office).

14. Can the bidder submit more than three reference in "Software company reference list", especially if the bidder plans to offer solution as consortium/joint venture (more than one company). Should the bidder provide three (or more) reference for each company?

It is required that three references are provided per bid.

15. Does the price for the additional necessary equipment for the trainings (computer, boards etc.) be included in total price or as an option?

It must be clear from the bid what is covered. Since the possible need for additional equipment is uncertain at this stage, the bid might confirm that extras can be provided and if there is an additional cost that should preferably be stated.

16. What is the number of user licences needed if the bidder decides to offer a reporting tool as part of the solution?

The bidder should count approximately 20 users.

17. Regarding price proposal, it is stated for client side software Delphi 7 and Magic. Does that mean that the bidder should offer run-time licence for this client side software for fat client (client/server architecture) and for thin/web client licence for mentioned concurrent user (15-20)?

This is totally up to the bidder, it depends on which component the bidder decides to use. Whatever the licensing policy of the offered solution requires the bidder must provide.