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BASHKIA BERAT

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To whom it may concern.

Our ref.: INTERREG IPA CBC, Greece - Albania, 2014–2020 / “FirePREP”/ Prot No. 4519, Order No. 47, date 22.09.2020

**SUBJECT: Call of Expression of Interest for “Infrastructure works for the rehabilitation of the Fire-fighting Station of Berat”, in the frame of the Project FirePREP**

Project title: Improved Forest FIRE PREParedness in Greece and Albania

Location: Berat , Albania

Application deadline: **09 October 2020, 16.00 local time**

Languages required: English

Starting date:

(date when the selected tenderer is expected to start) November, 2020

**Number of service provider: 1 (one)**

**Background**

Greece and Albania are countries prone to natural disasters, of which forest fires account for the major share. Forest fires are of a natural and human induced phenomena, which often transcend borders and significantly challenge the ability of a single country to cope with them. Forest fires represent the main risks for both countries, affected yearly and sometimes repeatedly in a year. To this, effects of climate change coupled with unsustainable management practices are increasing fire risk and making the countries more vulnerable to wildfires. As per EU, already by March 2019, the number of fires was higher than the average for the whole year in the last decade. Greece experienced increased levels of fire activity during the 2019 fire season. In Albania the situation was similar, with more than 356 forest fires in the whole country with

several catastrophic ones according to the Ministry of Interior. Greece, as a country facing larger annual fire events, and as an EU member state, is better positioned to cope with this phenomenon. In 2018 the Fire Brigade personnel consisted of 15,966 people of whom 11,089 of whom were permanent personnel. The Fire Brigade of Greece has a total of 3,319 vehicles of various types. The eligible areas for this program are the Regions of Ionian Islands, the Region of Epirus and the Region of Western Macedonia (except the municipality of Kozani). During 2008-2018, around 13,000 fires occurred and 25,450 hectares were burned in these areas.

The situation with the fire station, firefighters' equipment and vehicles makes it impossible to cope with such risks. The action aims to boost the Albania's capacity to deal with forest fires. The training activities will be designed as prevention and preparedness exercises to help boost the capacities of the civil emergency. Often during fire outbreaks, the Albanian authorities have asked for help from neighbouring Greece to deploy additional vehicles and troops to support firefighting operations in Albania. Enhanced capacities of firemen from both border sides shall ensure that relief efforts and assistance meets the needs of those affected. The fire service personnel in the Greek side has extensive experience in dealing with forest fires. The proposed training program is part of the ongoing training of the fire brigade, which is a strategic priority of the Greek FC. At the same time, the organization and implementation of this program with the participation of Greek and Albanian firefighters will enable the exchange of know-how and good practices. It will also contribute to the smooth and effective co-operation of the two countries' fire services in forest fires occurring on the Greek-Albanian border.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

The Municipality of Berat will start the tendering procedure for Infrastructure works for the rehabilitation of the Firefighting Station of Berat.

### **Selection criteria**

The following selection criteria will be applied to tenderers. In the case of tenders submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole:

**1. Economic and financial capacity of tenderer (based on forms 4.6.1 to 9 technical qualifications).**

- the average annual turnover of the last three years must exceed the amount of Euro 200,000

**2. Professional capacity of tenderer (based on forms 4.6.1 to 9 technical qualifications)**

The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years preceding the submission deadline.

- At least 1 members of staff currently working for the tenderer in fields related to this contract and as Civil Engineering .

- At least 2 staff working for the candidate in the fields related to this contract is permanent.
- **Technical capacity of tenderer** (based on items 5 and 6 of the tender application form)
- The candidate has successfully completed at least one similar contracts with a budget of at least EUR 200,000.00 (the proportion carried out by the candidate will be taken into consideration) in the past three years.

Previous experience which would have led to breach of contract and termination by a Contracting Authority shall not be used as reference. This is also applicable concerning the previous experience of experts required under a fee-based service contract.

An economic operator may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them. It must in that case prove to the Contracting Authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for performance of the contract, for example by producing a commitment on the part of those entities to place those resources at its disposal. Such entities, for instance the parent company of the economic operator, must respect the same rules of eligibility – notably that of nationality – and must fulfil the same relevant selection criteria as the economic operator. With regard to technical and professional criteria, an economic operator may only rely on the capacities of other entities where the latter will perform the works or services for which these capacities are required. With regard to economic and financial criteria, the entities upon whose capacity the tenderer relies, become jointly and severally liable for the performance of the contract.

Interested parties should provide the following documentation by email/mail to the attention of

**Municipality of Berat**  
**Bulevard Republika, Berat, Albania**  
**To the attn of Luciano Bojaxhiu**  
**Email: info@bashkiaberat.gov.al**

1. Cover letter
2. <https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/document.do?isAnnexes=true>
3. ds4i\_selectionformfinancial\_4dot4\_simpl\_en

**SECTION 3: FORMS regarding selection criteria:**

- Legal entity file ..... Form 4.5.b  
 (to be added in the document)
- Financial capacity ..... Form 4.4

**SECTION 4: TECHNICAL OFFER:**

- Overview of the tenderer's staff ..... Form 4.6.1.2
- CVs of key staff ..... Form 4.6.1.3
- Plant ..... Form 4.6.2
  
- Financial identification form..... Form 4.5.a  
(to be added in the document)

The complete tender dossier will be sent to the selected tenderers.

We look forward to receiving your expression of interest for this tender .

By submitting a tender you accept to receive notification of the outcome of the procedure by electronic means. Such notification shall be deemed to have been received by you on the date upon which the contracting authority sends it to the electronic address you referred to in your offer.

If you decide not to submit a tender, we would be grateful if you could inform us in writing, stating the reasons for your decision.

Yours sincerely,

**Ervin Demo,  
Mayor  
Municipality of Berat**

