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# BACKGROUND INFORMATION

## Partner country

Republic of North Macedonia

## Contracting authority

Military academy „General Mihailo Apostolski“– Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia

## Country background

## Republic of North Macedonia is a candidate country for membership expecting commencement of membership negotiations. The next phase in the accession process is acquiring negotiation date for European Union membership.

## The negotiation process of the Republic of North Macedonia for EU membership will signify completion of the approximation process to the European Union, adoption of its benefits and values as well as complete adaptation of the Macedonian institutions towards functioning to that of the Union institutions. The negotiations will also signify establishing grounds and preparation for a successful functioning of the Republic of North Macedonia as a Union Member State. In February 2008, the Council of Ministers of the European Union adopted the 2008 Accession Partnership of the Republic of Macedonia. The negotiations as a comprehensive dynamic undertaking require full preparation of the state authorities and institutions as well as of the structures established for coordination and conducting negotiations prior to the commencement of the negotiations themselves.

## Current situation in the sector

Military academy as a project beneficiary within the project “Modern tools for wildfire’ and floods’ risk punctual forecast and monitoring and innovative techniques for citizens’ safeguard awareness and preparedness”, program title: Interreg – IPA CBC Greece – Republic of North Macedonia 2014-2020

## Related programmes and other donor activities

N/A

# OBJECTIVES & EXPECTED OUTPUTS

## Overall objective

The overall objective (Impact) to which this action contributes is :

Procurement of a terrain vehicle

## Specific objective(s)

N/A

## Expected outputs to be achieved by the contractor

The expected outputs of this contract are as follows:

Delivery of a terrain vehicle according to technical specification

# ASSUMPTIONS & RISKS

## Assumptions underlying the project

## • Clear understanding of the contract objectives and purposes by the Contractor;

## • Full cooperation between the Contracting Authority and the Contractor in view to fulfil the requirement in technical specification and within the budget limitation.

## Risks

Potential risks to the successful implementation of the contract include: Lack of communication and coordination between the Contractor and the Contracting Authority. In order to avoid this risk, the Contractor should show initiative and maintain continuous contact with the relevant representatives of the Contracting Authority.

# SCOPE OF THE WORK

## General

### Description of the contract

The aim of this contract is procurement of a terrain vehicle for the needs of Military Academy within the project “Modern tools for wildfire’ and floods’ risk punctual forecast and monitoring and innovative techniques for citizens’ safeguard awareness and preparedness”.

Military Academy will work on several project outputs that are specifically related to the Military Academy but will also support NP „Pelister“ in conducting most of the project activities.

Most of the activities which will be implemented by the Military Academy (related to the installation and maintenance of various equipment for measurement and monitoring) will be conducted on difficult terrain in the area of NP „Pelister“. These activities will be implemented by the Military Academy during the project implementation period, but it is also planned to approach these terrains after the completion of the project, in order to enable the project’s sustainability. Considering that the Military Academy does not have appropriate vehicles for this type of terrain, we believe that the procurement of SUVs within the project will be crucial for the smooth execution of all our activities that will be conducted in the NP „Pelister“ and offering continuous support and project’s sustainability.

### Geographical area to be covered

Skopje, North Macedonia

### Target groups

N/A

## Specific work

**Procurement of a terrain vehicle with technical specification as follows:**

**Type of vehicle**: The off-road vehicle (SUV) is to be used to transport up to five persons, plus equipment and items of luggage on all types of roads.

**Type of engine**

* Petrol
* Off-road vehicle (SUV) Selective, with the option of choosing: front-drive
* Minimum 1450 ccm
* Minimum 110 kW

**Minimum Clearance** – 180 mm

**Maximum fuel consumption** - (up to 9 L/100 km for combined driving)

**Maximum dimensions and weight** - The internal dimensions to ensure adequate comfort for 5 persons in operational clothing traveling over long distances

**Colour** - silver metallic colour

**Minimum tools and accessories**

* Air conditioning,
* Front air and front passenger airbags,
* Side airbags for driver and front passenger,
* Central locking with remote control,
* Electrically adjustable windows,
* Roof rails,
* LED daytime running lights, factory fitted.

**Speed**– max 200 km/h

**Type of suspension and tires**- The vehicle should be suitable for on- and off-road operation.

**Breaking system**- ABS braking system, ESP - Electronic Stability Program or equivalent, Warning system

**Requirements for guarantee** – Minimum 5 years or 100,000km past

**Maximum budget up to 18.000 euros**

## Project management

### Responsible body

Responsible body for this service contract will be the Contracting Authority specified above.

### Management structure

### The effective management of the project will be ensured by the Contracting Authority.

### The project manager, MSc. Monika Kachurova will be in charge for the overall coordination.

### Facilities to be provided by the contracting authority and/or other parties

N/A

# LOGISTICS AND TIMING

## Location

Skopje, North Macedonia

## Start date & period of implementation of tasks

# Delivery of the vehicle No later than 30 days after date of signature of the contract by both parties on 30-th May 2022.

# REQUIREMENTS

## Staff

Note that civil servants and other staff of the public administration of the partner country, or of international/regional organisations based in the country, shall only be approved to work as experts if well justified. The justification should be submitted with the tender and shall include information on the added value the expert will bring as well as proof that the expert is seconded or on personal leave.

### Key experts

### Key experts are not required.

### Other experts, support staff & backstopping

N/A

## Office accommodation

N/A

## Facilities to be provided by the contractor

The contractor shall ensure that experts are adequately supported and equipped. In particular it must ensure that there is sufficient administrative, secretarial and interpreting provision to enable experts to concentrate on their primary responsibilities. It must also transfer funds as necessary to support their work under the contract and to ensure that its employees are paid regularly and in a timely fashion

## Equipment

**No** equipment is to be purchased on behalf of the contracting authority / partner country as part of this service contract or transferred to the contracting authority / partner country at the end of this contract. Any equipment related to this contract which is to be acquired by the partner country must be purchased by means of a separate supply tender procedure.

# REPORTS

## Reporting requirements

The contractor will submit the following reports in English language: in one original and two copies:

* Draft contract shall be submitted no later than 2 days after the notification of award.
* The reports provided by the Contractor should be prepared in English language and submitted in the following copies:

- 1 (one) original, duly signed, stamped and dated by the legal representative of the Contractor and

- 1 (one) electronic version.

## Submission and approval of reports

The report referred to above must be submitted to the project manager identified in the contract. The project manager is responsible for approving the reports.

# MONITORING AND EVALUATION

## Definition of indicators

Guarantee – Minimum 5 years or 100,000km past

## Special requirements

The communication between the Contractor and the Contracting Authority must be in writing. The Contracting Authority will appoint the Project manager as a contact person for the contract (point 4.3.3. of this document).