**CONDITIONS**

**FOR HOLDING A TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)**

**FOR THE NEEDS OF BULGARGAZ EAD FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2022**

1. **Subject of the procedure:** supply of liquefied natural gas (LNG) for the needs of Bulgargaz EAD for the month of November 2022.
2. **Delivery quantity:** 5 118 213 MMBtu (1 500 000 MWh)
3. **Terms of delivery:** DES LNG terminal, Revithoussa Greece and/or LNG terminal in Turkey.
4. **Requirements for participants:**
5. Sources of LNG supply - the source must be from countries without sanctions, embargoes or any trade restrictions;
6. Ownership of the company - ownership (BO – Beneficial Owner) must be clear, reputable and free of ties to countries subject to sanctions, embargoes or any trade restrictions;
7. Credibility with banks and reputation - the supplier company must be acceptable to banks and credible for financing the agreed supplies;
8. Have experience in LNG supply:

 - number of LNG cargoes delivered - at least 2 (two) cargoes for the previous year;

- aggregate LNG deliveries of at least the equivalent of 1 500 000 MWh in the preceding year.

**Stage I Pre-selection of candidates**

By 22:00. Central European Time (CET), on 27 September 2022, all interested persons who wish to participate in the present tender procedure shall submit to Bulgargaz EAD by e-mail to the following address: tenders@bulgargaz.bg ***a letter of intent indicating*** their interest in further participation in the procedure and ***attaching***:

* Completed survey of Bulgargas EAD to get to know a potential partner company, according to the template - *Annex 1* to these Terms and Conditions;
* Draft Framework Agreement.

 A committee appointed by order of the Executive Director of Bulgargaz EAD will verify the compliance of the applicants with the requirements for participation in the tender procedure on the basis of the submitted documents and will notify the applicants admitted to participate in Stage II of the tender procedure by 16:00, Central European Time (CET) on 28 September 2022 by e-mail to the e-mail addresses they have provided.

 No applicant will be admitted to Phase II of the tender procedure:

* who submitted a letter of intent after the deadline;
* who has not submitted all the required documents;
* in the questionnaire of which there is insufficient information or the information indicates that he does not meet the requirements for participation in the procedure.

 By 16:00, Central European Time (CET) on 28 September 2022 Bulgargaz EAD will inform the candidates not admitted to participate in Stage II of the tender procedure with an individual motivated letter by e-mail to the e-mail addresses they have indicated.

**Stage II Submission of tenders**

1. **Deadline for submission of tenders: 22:00** CET **on 3** **October** **2022.**

Candidates admitted to participate in Stage II of the Tender Procedure shall submit an electronically signed *tender form - Annex No. 2* to these Terms and Conditions, together with its annexes, by e-mail to the following address: tenders@bulgargaz.bg, in an archived format with a password by 22:00, Central European Time (CET) on 3 October 2022.

The password should be sent by a separate email to the same email address no earlier than 9:00 am and no later than 11:00 a.m., Central European Time (CET), on 3 October 2022.

1. **Mandatory content requirements**:
2. **Quantity:** thequantity tendered shall not be less than 1,706,070 MMBtu (500 000 MWh);
3. **LNG quality: a** technical specification of the quality characteristics of the natural gas offered for supply shall be applied;
4. **Terms of delivery:** DES LNG terminal;
5. **Price:** bid price should reference TTF front month November with discount in EUR per MWh or Henry Hub (HH) indicated.

*TTFfm November = the value of the TTF Front Month Index published in Argus European Natural Gas - Daily Natural Gas Market Prices, in the column headed "Price", for the TTF (Title Transfer Facility) for the last business day of the month preceding the month of delivery. The TTF fm is the arithmetic mean between the 'Buy' and 'Sell' values for each day of the month for which the corresponding month is the following month.*

*"HH" is the final settlement price (in U.S. dollars per MMBtu) of the Henry Hub natural gas futures contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange for the calendar month in which the scheduled delivery date falls.*

1. **Slot securing**: the bidder should indicate the amount and price of the slot, if it has a regasification and storage slot secured;
2. **Method and terms of payment upon conclusion of a contract;**
3. **Additional costs that may** arise for Bulgargaz EAD upon delivery (Boiloff, Port costs, Demurrage fees or others);
4. **Power of attorney** - to be attached if the tender is signed by an attorney;

**No participant will be admitted for evaluation and ranking:**

* submitted a bid and/or password after the deadline set out in Section VI of these Terms and Conditions;
* has submitted a tender the content of which does not comply with the above mandatory requirements;
* submitted a specification of the quality characteristics of the natural gas supplied which did not meet the minimum requirements for the supply of LNG to the relevant LNG terminal.

**Stage III Evaluation and ranking of bids**

The bids received will be opened by the committee appointed by order of the Executive Director of Bulgargaz EAD at 12:00 CET on 04 October 2022.

The tenders will be evaluated and ranked by the Commission according to the *Methodology for Determining the Comprehensive Evaluation of Tenders* - *Annex 3* to these Terms and Conditions.

By 17:00, Central European Time (CET) on 04 October 2022, Bulgargaz EAD will notify by e-mail, to the e-mail addresses indicated by them, the qualified bidders on the amount and date of the regasification and storage slots as secured by the bidders.

By 17:00, Central European Time (CET) on 05 October 2022, the qualified participants should confirm their offer according to the slots offered by Bulgargaz EAD by e-mail to the following address: tenders@bulgargaz.bg.

Bulgargaz EAD will conclude contracts up to the amount of the announced quantity for delivery in November 2022, and in accordance with the amount of the secured and confirmed slots.

In the absence of slots secured by Bulgargaz EAD, the company will conclude contracts up to the amount of the announced delivery quantity for the month of November 2022 with the qualified bidders whose bids contain an offer to secure a regasification and storage slot.