

# MARKET SURVEY NOTICE ITALIAN TRADE AGENCY IN LJUBLJANA: FRAMEWORK CONTRACT

SELECTION OF AN ECONOMIC OPERATOR FOR SERVICES OF PASSENGERS' ROAD TRANSPORT VEHICLES WITH DRIVER, AND ANCILLARY ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS.

#### **CONTRACTING AUTHORITY:**

The Italian Trade Agency (ITA) is the Governmental Agency that supports the business development of national companies abroad and promotes the attraction of foreign investment in Italy. With a widespread network of overseas offices, ITA provides information, assistance, consulting, promotion and training to Italian small and medium-sized businesses.

#### **OBJECT OF THE NOTICE:**

Considering the peculiar lack of direct air links between Slovenia and Italy and the insufficient existing train connections, a car transport service is necessary to reach Trieste's airport and/or railway station as well as other locations in Italy, Slovenia and abroad, for trade missions of Slovenian/Italian businessmen and of the staff of this Office (or other activities carried out by ITA Office in Ljubljana).

The ITA Agency's Office in Ljubljana is thus starting a procedure of direct assignment with an economic operator based in Slovenia, to acquire transportation services for passengers.

### **REQUESTED SERVICES:**

The services object of the contract consists in the reservation and supply of:

- transportation for individuals and / or groups by car, minivan and/or bus in Slovenian territory and abroad, meeting the specific needs that will be reported each time by Italian Trade Agency;
- flexibility in the hypothesis of changing in reservations or itinerary when necessary;
- propose alternative solutions to unexpected problems related for example to strikes, delays, cancellations of flights or trains involving the transported or expected passengers, etc.;
- collaboration in organizing road travel for ITA delegations in Slovenia and abroad.

The services will include the following routes:

#### International:

Ljubljana - Belgrade

Ljubljana - Bologna

Ljubljana - Firenze

Ljubljana - Milan

Ljubljana - Rimini

Ljubljana - Ronchi dei Legionari Airport



Ljubljana - Treviso Airport

Ljubljana - Trieste

Ljubljana - Venezia Marco Polo Airport

Ljubljana - Verona Ljubljana - Zagreb

#### Domestic:

Ljubljana - Bled

Ljubljana - Brdo pri Kranju

Ljubljana - Brnik Airport

Ljubljana - Celje

Ljubljana - Koper

Ljubljana - Maribor

Ljubljana - Nova Gorica

Ljubljana - Postojna

Ljubljana - Portoroz

These destinations are indicative: other road routes will be defined from time to time according to the specific needs of the Italian Trade Agency of Ljubljana.

For each route it is necessary to indicate two rates, referring to the two types of services most commonly requested by this Office: a car (up to 4 passengers) and a van (up to 7 passengers).

The offer should also provide an estimated quotation per kilometer, to be applied to possible different routes. In case of bus, the proposals will be evaluated on a case-to-case basis, according to the foreseen number of passengers.

The above proposed fares must include the cost of fuel and any motorway tolls and be quoted without VAT, with separate indication of the amount and percentage of the VAT itself.

All the services described above will be ordered each time with a specific "service request letter" by the Italian Trade Agency in Ljubljana, within the framework of a contract that will be signed with the selected operator.

After signing the contract, a quotation will be requested and agreed upon in writing each time a service is needed. Should the services conform to those listed in this notice, it is understood that the price will be as quoted. Otherwise, the quotation will be assessed on a case-by-case basis based on the quantity needed.

### **OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS**

Economic operators admitted in participating in the procedures to bid to tenders are those established in accordance with the Slovenian law.

Each economic operator willing to participate in the Italian Trade Agency Ljubljana Office tenders must be registered under the Slovenian Law as a juridical subject, have a fiscal position, not ever be declared bankrupted and comply to social and labour national collective agreements.



#### **AWARD CRITERION:**

The offers presented upon this notice will be evaluated solely on the criterion of the lowest price of the services offered. After identifying the best quotation, the Italian Trade Agency will award and execute the contract.

The Italian Trade Agency in Ljubljana reserves the right not to proceed with the assignment of the service object of this notice in case the received offers are not considered suitable.

The contract will be awarded through direct assignment according to the provisions of Art. 7, paragraph 2, let. a) of the Italian Ministerial Decree n. 192/2017 and subsequent amendments and additions (Italian Ministerial Decree n. 32/2024), and the Directive 214/24/EU by the European Parliament and Council, implemented in Slovenia on 1 April 2016 through the Public Procurement Act (ZJN-3).

#### **CONTRACT DURATION:**

The contract will last **three years (36 months)**, from the signing of the contract, upon verification of all participation requirements.

On the expiration date, or on reaching the assumed value of the contract, its effects will cease automatically, with no need for any notification between the parties and no tacit renewal.

#### ASSUMED VALUE OF THE FRAMEWORK CONTRACT:

The estimated level of spending in the three-year contract must not exceed €37.000,00 (thirty-seven thousand Euros), net of VAT, corresponding to the total amount of transportation services reimbursed by ITA.

However, ITA is not bound to guarantee the above indicate level of expenditure, because the use of the service by external parties and ITA personnel is conditioned by factors that prevent their precise definition in advance. The level of expenditure for the considered period is related to both the real needs of travel and the actual availability of the budget.

The ITA will be under no obligation to purchase a minimum guaranteed amount at any time and the contract will not, by any means, guarantee any minimum expenditure.

No compensation is foreseen if the total expenditure does not reach the amount indicated. Conversely, if this maximum amount of spending is reached before the end of the 36 months, the framework contract will automatically be terminated by the Italian Trade Agency.

#### PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

The selected company shall execute all services under the conditions set forth in this letter, in the sole interest of the Italian Trade Agency, abiding by the instructions and requests provided by the Italian Trade Agency and ensuring the feasibility of its proposals at every stage.

While fulfilling contractual obligations, the selected company agrees to comply with all applicable rules, regulations and laws, including any specific provisions for the sector of the services in question, especially any existing technical and safety provisions.



The Italian Trade Agency reserves the right to request all the changes deemed appropriate before the final delivery of a product, which may be revised based on the instructions provided by ITA until the project is approved.

The economic operator entrusted with the service will have to commit:

- a) to guarantee the complete respect of the local regulations in terms of safety, prohibition of any consumption of alcohol, medications or other substances that may affect the driving and safety of the passengers;
- b) to satisfy ITA requests in the shortest possible time, considering the nature of the request and the technical times associated with it:
- c) to respect the pick-up and arrival times indicated in each request;
- d) to include in the specific offers the cost of fuel and any tolls;
- e) to guarantee the use of adequate cars and for the utilized vehicles the presence of a comprehensive insurance, also extended to passengers, in order to cover any damage that may occur during their transportation;
- f) to guarantee, for the execution of the service, its own personnel of proven reliability and competence, at complete disposal during the requested times, in possession of the technical and professional requirements and with a driving experience of at least five years.

ITA reserves the right to highlight any unsuitable personnel.

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

This notice will be published on the website of this contracting agency for a period of 21 days, starting from the day following the date of its publication.

Under penalty of exclusion, the offers - prepared according to the model below and that take into account all the indications contained in this notice - must be sent to the Italian Trade Agency, Office of Ljubljana via email at the following address: **lubiana@ice.it** by January 13th, 2025, clearly indicating in the subject of email the following statement:

# "THREE-YEAR SERVICES OF PASSENGERS' ROAD TRANSPORT VEHICLES WITH DRIVER"

and must include the following attachments:

- the offer (see form below Attachment 1);
- a copy of an identity document from the signer of the offer,
- Declaration Single Document on Requirements for Direct Assignments, signed on each page (see form below Attachment 2),
- the company profile.

Applications for participation received after the above deadline will not be considered. Please fill out each line item of the attached Application Form with your company's price quotation in Euro according to the given specifications. The awarded company will be requested to adjust prices proportionally when quantities of the requested services are not listed on the form.



## **PAYMENTS AND PENALTIES:**

During the three years of validity of the contract, ITA will process the payment for each service within 30 days from the receipt of an invoice. The invoice should be issued following confirmation from ITA of regular execution of the contract upon completion of the services. The invoice must include the number of the letter of appointment, the CO.AN and CIG codes (provided by ITA), and the name of the initiative.

#### I should be addressed to:

ICE-Agenzia Via List 21 IT – 00144 Roma VAT n. IT12020391004

Ref.: ICE-Agencija Ljubljana

#### and sent to:

ICE–Agencija Ljubljana Oddelek Veleposlaništva Italije za gospodarsko promocijo Cankarjeva cesta 10 SI – 1000 Ljubljana

or by e-mail to: lubiana@ice.it

In case the requirements indicated in this notice are not respected, ITA reserves the right to apply a penalty, determined on the basis of the gravity of the event occurred, and in any case within 3% of the amount related to the specific service.

#### **CLAUSES OF EXCLUSION:**

All economic operators who find themselves in the conditions indicated in art. 57 of the European Directive 2014/24/EU are excluded from the present procedure, and notably:

- a) participation in a criminal organization
- b) corruption
- c) fraud
- d) money laundering and criminal activities
- e) child labour and other forms of human smuggling
- f) operator that has not complied with the obligations related to the payment of taxes or social security contributions and if this has been established by a judicial or administrative decision, with definitive and binding effect, on the basis of Slovenian and Italian legislation
- g) economic operators sanctioned by the Slovenian and Italian regulations with the prohibition of signing agreements and stipulating contracts with public administrations.

#### **CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE:**

The company that will sign the contract has the obligation to keep all the data and information in its possession as confidential, and not to disclose them in any way nor make them object of use for any purpose other than those necessary to execution of the contract.

All confidentiality obligations must be respected even at the end of the contract with the Italian Trade Agency.

The Contractor is also responsible for the observance of the secrecy obligations by his



employees and consultants. In case of non-observance of the confidentiality obligations, ITA has the right to declare the contract automatically terminated, and the Contractor will be obliged to compensate all the damages that may arise to the Italian Trade Agency.

#### TREATMENT OF PERSONAL DATA:

According to the Italian Legislative Decree n. 196/2003 and the European Regulation n. 679/2016, the collected data will be processed exclusively within the procedure described in this notice.

This notice is exclusively intended as an invitation to submit an offer for this procedure; therefore, it does not imply any obligation of the Italian Trade Agency towards the subjects concerned, nor submitting an offer may in any case give rise to preferential rights or eligibility for the assignment of the contract by the Agency.

The sole Project Manager is Mr. Giacomo Ricciotti, Director of the Italian Trade Agency.

The contact details of the Office are as follows:

ICE–Agencija Ljubljana
Oddelek Veleposlaništva Italije za gospodarsko promocijo
Cankarjeva cesta 10, 1000 Ljubljana
T (003861) 4224370 – e-mail lubiana@ice.it

Electronic signature:

Giacomo Ricciotti Director Italian Trade Agency in Ljubljana



Attachment 1

#### **EXAMPLE OF APPLICATION**

(to be written on company headed paper and returned via email to <u>lubiana@ice.it</u> by January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

The undersigned (name and surname)	
Born in (place)	on (date)
Resident in (place)	postal code
Address	
☐ Owner or ☐ Legal representative (tick the appro	opriate choice) of the company (company name)
Legally established in (place)	postal code
Address	
VAT number	

in relation to the SURVEY NOTICE FOR THE SELECTION OF AN ECONOMIC OPERATOR FOR SERVICES OF PASSENGERS' ROAD TRANSPORT VEHICLES WITH DRIVER, AND ANCILLARY ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF MAXIMUM 36 MONTHS, issued by the Italian Trade Agency in Ljubljana, presents its best offer below.

The proposed rates are the following:

		CAR			VAN		
INTERNATIONAL	Euro	Euro VAT		Euro	V	VAT	
	without VAT	%	Euro	without VAT	%	Euro	
Ljubljana - Belgrade							
Ljubljana - Bologna							
Ljubljana - Firenze							
Ljubljana - Milan							
Ljubljana - Rimini							
Ljubljana - Ronchi dei Legionari Airport							
Ljubljana - Treviso Airport							
Ljubljana - Trieste							
Ljubljana - Venezia Marco Polo Airport							
Ljubljana - Verona							
Ljubljana - Zagreb							

	CAR			VAN		
DOMESTIC	Euro	,	/AT	Euro	V	/AT
	without VAT	%	Euro	without VAT	%	Euro
Ljubljana - Bled						
Ljubljana - Brdo pri Kranju						
Ljubljana - Brnik Airport						



Ljubljana - Celje			
Ljubljana - Koper			
Ljubljana - Maribor			
Ljubljana - Nova Gorica			
Ljubljana - Postojna			
Ljubljana - Portoroz			

	CAR			VAN		
OTHER	Euro VAT		Euro	V	/AT	
	without VAT	%	Euro	without VAT	%	Euro
Estimated quotation per kilometre						

I undersigned declare that I am aware of what is indicated and expected in the Market Survey Notice for the above-mentioned procedure of direct assignment and that I unconditionally approve its contents. I hereby authorize a background check and I agree to sign every document necessary to enable ITA to conduct a verification with the Slovenian competent authorities.

Furthermore, I am specifically aware that the Notice does not imply any obligation of the Italian Trade Agency towards the subjects concerned, nor does this prospective offer give rise in any case to preferential rights or titles for the assignment by the Italian Trade Agency.

I declare that my company has all the appropriate technical and professional skills to perform the requested services. As requested, I attach to this offer:

- a copy of an identity document from the signer of the offer,
- Declaration Single Document on Requirements for Direct Assignments, signed on each page,
- the company profile.

Place and date		
Signature and company stamp		



Attachment 2

# SINGLE DOCUMENT ON REQUIREMENTS FOR DIRECT ASSIGNMENTS UNDER THE THRESHOLD OF 40.000,00 EURO

All the requested information must be entered by the economic operator, except where expressly indicated

# PART I INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE AND THE PROCURER

Identity of the Procurer	Answer:	
*Name:		
*Title and short description of the procurement:		
*CIG:		

<sup>\*</sup> To be completed by ITA

#### PART II: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC OPERATOR

A. Identification data of the economic operator	Answer:
Name:	
National identification number, if required (tax code, VAT number, registration)	
Postal address:	
Contact persons: Phone: Certified mail or e-mail: (web address) (if applicable):	

B. Representatives of the	Answer:
economic operator:	
Full name	
Date and place of birth	
Position/Acting in the capacity of:	
Postal address:	
Phone:	
E-mail:	
If needed, please provide detailed	
information on the representation	
(its forms, extent, purpose):	

**PART III: EXCLUSION GROUNDS** 



#### A: Grounds relating to criminal convictions

Excluded from participation in the selection are those who have been the subject of a conviction by final judgement, in Italy or in Slovenia, for one or more of the following reasons: (1) Participation in a criminal organisation; (2) Corruption; (3) Fraud; (4) Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities; (5) Money laundering or terrorism financing; (6) Child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings; (7) any other crime that results in the inability to negotiate with the public administration.

The situations relevant to exclusion are those provided for by Italian law, as well as the Directive 214/24/EU by the European Parliament and Council, implemented in Slovenia on 1 April 2016 through the Public Procurement Act (ZJN-3).

The economic operator itself or any person who is a member of its administrative, management or supervisory body or has powers of representation, decision or control therein have not been the subject of a conviction by final judgment, by a conviction rendered at the most five years ago or in which an exclusion period set out directly in the conviction continues to be applicable.

#### B: Grounds relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions

The economic operator has satisfied all the obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions in Italy and in Slovenia, where the procurement takes place.

# C: Grounds relating to insolvency, conflicts of interests or professional misconduct

- 1) The economic operator has not, to its knowledge, breached obligations in the field of health and safety at the work place, of environmental, social and labour law.
- 2) The economic operator is not in any of the following situations and is not subject to a procedure of assessment for one of the following situations:
  - a) bankruptcy, insolvency procedure, winding-up, arrangement with creditors, assets being administered by liquidator or another similar situation
  - b) has suspended its business activities
- 3) The economic operator is not guilty of serious professional misconduct
- 4) The economic operator has not entered into agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition
- 5) The economic operator is not aware of any conflict of interest related to its participation in the above-mentioned procurement procedure
- 6) The economic operator or a company related to it has not advised the procurer or has not otherwise been involved in the preparation of the assignment procedure
- 7) The economic operator did not have a direct experience that a prior public contract, a prior contract with a contracting entity or a prior concession contract was terminated early, or that damages or other comparable sanctions were imposed to the same operator, in connection with that prior public procurement
- 8) The economic operator confirms that:
  - a) It has not been guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of the selection criteria.
  - b) It has not withheld such information,
  - c) It has been able, without delay, to submit the supporting documents required by a procurer
  - d) It has not undertaken to unduly influence the decision-making process of the procurer, to obtain confidential information that may confer upon it undue advantages in the procurement procedure or to negligently provide misleading information that may have a material influence on decisions concerning the procurement procedure.

# D: Exclusion grounds foreseen by the Italian legislation and equivalent situations



### foreseen by the law of Slovenia, where the procurement is carried out.

The economic operator is **not** in any of the following situations:

- 1) there are grounds against it for revocation, suspension or prohibition provided for by antimafia legislation
- 2) is subject to infiltrations of organized crime
- 3) has been subject to the interdiction of its activity or to another sanction that involves the prohibition of contracting with any public administration
- 4) is present in the electronic register kept by the National Anti-Corruption Authority for having submitted false declarations or false documentation to issue the qualification certificate, for the period during which the registration persists
- 5) violated the prohibition of custodian capacity
- 6) does not respect the rules on the right to work of the disabled
- 7) has not denounced (except in case of necessity or self-defence) to the judicial authority that was victim of bribery offenses and/or extortion committed by organized crime or by those who intended to facilitate the activity of organized crime
- 8) in relation to another participant to the same assignment procedure, is in a control situation or in any kind of relationship, if the control situation or the relationship implies that the offers are attributable to a single decision-maker
- 9) has assigned an employment labour contract and, in any case, has assigned tasks to former employees of the Italian Trade Agency who have ceased their working relationship less than three years ago and who, during the last three years of service, had authoritative or negotiating powers on Italian Trade Agency's behalf towards the same economic operator (pantouflage or revolving door)

#### **PART IV: SELECTION CRITERIA**

The economic operator satisfies all the selection criteria required by the documentation related to the selection.

#### **PART V: CONCLUDING STATEMENTS**

I undersigned formally declare that the information stated under Parts II - IV is accurate and correct and that I am fully aware of the consequences, also of penal nature, of serious misrepresentation, of serious false declaration, foreseen by the Italian legal system and by the Slovenian law.

I undersigned hereby certify the absence of the grounds for exclusion provided for in Part III and the possession of the requirements set out in Part IV.

I undersigned formally consent to the Italian Trade Agency, to carry out the verifications with the competent local authorities on the veracity of the declarations stated about the requirements.

I undersigned accept without reserve or exception the provisions and conditions contained in the letter of assignment and in Attachment 1 to the same letter, which is its integral part.

Place	and date]	
name	surname and quality of the signatory	



# PROTECTION OF NATURAL PERSONS WITH REGARD TO THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA Regulation (EU) 2016/679, Art. 13

The processing of personal data is based on the principles of lawfulness, fairness and transparency to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons. To this end, the following information is provided:

- 1. The data controller is l'ICE Agenzia per la promozione all'estero e l'internazionalizzazione delle imprese italiane (hereinafter only ICE - Agenzia) which, in this specific case, operates through its Office in Ljubljana: Agencija za promocijo v tujini in internacionalizacijo italijanskih podjetij, Oddelek Veleposlaništva Republike Italije za gospodarsko promocijo, Cankarjeva 10, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenija.
- 2. ICE Agenzia has a data protection officer that, in case of questions or complaints, can be contacted at the following addresses: ICE - Agenzia per la promozione all'estero e l'internazionalizzazione delle imprese italiane – Via Liszt, 21 – 00144 Roma; e-mail: privacy@ice.it.
- 3. The personal data requested are necessary for the selection of the economic operator to whom the procurement service will be entrusted.
- 4. The provision of data is an obligation provided for by Italian law and any refusal to provide the requested data will result in exclusion from the selection procedure or from the award.
- 5. The processing will be carried out manually or electronically by specially appointed personnel.
- 6. The data will be communicated to the internal and external control bodies of the ICE -Agenzia. By signing this statement, the interested party gives its consent to the communication of the aforementioned data also to the competent local authorities for their verification and to the publication of the essential elements of the stipulated contract on the procurer's website in accordance with the Italian law on public contracts' transparency.
- 7. The data will be stored for a minimum period of 5 years from the moment in which the contractual relationship ends due to completion of the execution or for another reason, including termination due to non-compliance. This deadline is suspended if a judicial procedure is initiated.
- 8. The economic operator may request access to its personal data and their rectification. In this case, a specific request must be submitted to the address indicated in point 1, and in copy to the personal data protection officer at ICE – Agenzia at the addresses indicated in point 2.
- 9. If the interested party believes that its rights have been violated, it can file a complaint to the personal data protection officer at ICE - Agenzia. Alternatively, it can contact the Guarantor for the protection of personal data (Piazza di Monte Citorio 121, 00186 Rome, phone 0039 06 696771 (switchboard), e-mail: garante@gpdp.it, certified mail: protocollo@pec.gpdp.it) or to the judicial authority.

[Place, date]	Signature of the interested party for acknowledgment acceptance	and
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