

**MINUTES - Type of contract - Works**

**FOR THE ARGUMENTATION AND APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS  
AND QUALIFICATION CRITERIA**

*(This minutes is intended to be published together with the tender documents)*

**OBJECT OF THE PROCEDURE:**

“Construction of the new 220/110 kV Traktora Substation (adjacent to the existing 110/20 kV Traktora substation), with a 1x150 MVA autotransformer”.

**RELEVANT CODE IN THE COMMON PROCUREMENT DICTIONARY (CPV):**

45232221-7 - Transformer substation

**VALUE OF FUND LIMIT:**

916,142,823 (nine hundred and sixteen million one hundred and forty-two thousand eight hundred and twenty-three) Lekë excluding VAT, from the revenues of OST sh.a., converted to the value of 9,497,644.85 (nine million four hundred and ninety-seven thousand six hundred and forty-four point eighty-five) Euro excluding VAT, according to the exchange rate on 29.12.2025 (1 EUR = 96.46 ALL).

**Argumentation in relation to Article 39 of Law No. 162, dated 23.12.2020 “On public procurement”, for not dividing the procurement procedure into lots:**

The construction of the new 220/110 kV Traktore substation responds to the continuous increase in loads in the city of Tirana, which requires the acceleration of the construction of this substation. This important investment will make it possible to better cope with the energy capacity of the capital. The division of this procedure into lots would negatively affect the progress of the works both in the construction of the substation and in the installation of the autotransformer, due to the works of different work groups on the same site, significantly hindering and slowing each other down.

Based on previous experience with the implementation of similar projects, this project should be treated as a whole, to be built by a single bidder to guarantee the parallel progress of works in both

the construction of the substation and that of the autotransformer and related works, as otherwise there will be delays in putting into operation and making the investment effective.

The CA is an institution of particular importance in the Albanian electro-energy system and also makes the necessary connections with neighboring countries and for this reason.

Based on article 21, point 2, of Law no. 162/2020 “On public procurement” as amended, article 2, point 2/c and article 78, point 2, of the Decision of the Council of Ministers no. 285, dated 19.05.2021 “On the adoption of public procurement rules” as amended, the contracting authority/entity “Transmission System Operator” (OST) A.S. has drawn up the minutes for the argumentation and approval of the technical specifications and criteria for qualification for the above-mentioned procedure, with the content as follows:

## **I. SPECIAL QUALIFICATION CRITERIA**

1. The candidate/bidder must submit:

- a. Summary Self-Declaration Form, according to Appendix 8;*
- b. Bid Security, according to Appendix 3;*

**Argumentation:** The above requirements are based on articles 76, 82 and 83 of the Law on Public Procurement, article 26, of the Decision of the Council of Ministers no. 285, dated 19.05.2021 “On the approval of public procurement rules” as amended.

2. The Candidate/Bidder must submit:

**2.1. Fitness to perform the professional activity (if applicable):** with the presentation of the Summary Form of the Economic Operator's Self-Declaration on the day of the opening of the Offer, according to Appendix 8.

**Argumentation:** The above request is based on article 77, points 1/a and 2, of the Law on Public Procurement, article 40, point 5, of the Decision of the Council of Ministers no. 285, dated 19.05.2021 “On the approval of public procurement rules” as amended.

**2.2. Economic and financial capacity:**

**2.2.1** *To prove financial and economic capacity, the economic operator bidding must have a minimum annual turnover of at least 1,500,000,000 (one billion five hundred million) ALL for the last 3 (three) financial years.*

*This requirement is considered fulfilled if the economic operator reaches the minimum turnover value in at least one year of the required period.*

*As proof of meeting this qualification criterion, the economic operator bidding must have a certificate from the Tax Administration showing the annual turnover for the aforementioned years and certified copies of the balance sheets where, in at least two consecutive balance sheets, there is no negative ratio between assets and liabilities.*

**Argumentation:** The above request is determined based on the value of the limit fund of this procedure, as well as based on Article 77, point 3, of the LPP, as amended, and Article 43, of the Council of Ministers No. 285, dated 19.05.2021 “On the approval of the public procurement rules”, as amended.

The determination of the requested value is argued as follows:

Taking into account the quantity of goods and works subject to the procurement procedure, it is required that the bidding EO demonstrate that it has the necessary economic and financial capacities to carry it out on time and in accordance with the required technical specifications. For this, the bidding EO must have the appropriate economic availability and for this purpose, it is argued that the turnover value should be in the amount of 1,500,000,000 (one billion five hundred million) ALL.

### **2.3 Technical capacity:**

2.3.1 *The economic operator bidding, in order to prove previous experience, must have carried out at least:*

*a) similar work for a single object in a value not less than 450,000,000 (four hundred and fifty million) ALL excluding VAT and which has been carried out during the last five years, from the date of publication of the contract notice;*

*b) similar work up to a limit, where the total monetary value of the work carried out, taken together during the last five years, is not less than 1,800,000,000 (one billion eight hundred million) ALL excluding VAT.*

*Fulfilling one of the two above-mentioned conditions makes the bid eligible.*

*As evidence of previous experience, the Bidding EO must present certificates issued by a public entity for the successful completion of the contract, indicating the value, the deadline for completion of the contract and the nature of the work performed, to prove the successful completion of the works.*

*In the case of previous experience with the private sector, the Bidding EO must present as evidence, certificates for the successful completion of the contract, indicating the value, the deadline for completion of the contract and the nature of the work performed, accompanied by tax invoices declared to the tax authorities and any other type of document, as provided for by the legislation in force, that proves the successful completion of the works.*

***Note: Similar contracts regarding electrical works for their own specificity, will be considered works in electrical substations with a voltage level  $\geq 220$  kV.***

**Argumentation:** The above requirement is determined based on Article 77 of Law No. 162, dated 23.12.2020 “On Public Procurement”, as amended, and Article 39, point 5, of the Council of Ministers No. 285, dated 19.05.2021 “On the Approval of Public Procurement Rules”, as amended. This criterion requires economic operators to prove that they have the necessary experience to implement the contract, therefore it is required that previous similar contracts be within the value limit set out in the aforementioned article.

The determination of the required value for similar contracts is argued as follows:

Taking into account the quantity and quality of the goods subject to the procurement procedure, as well as the required works, it is considered that the required value that the bidding EO has made with similar contracts, is in accordance with the legal provisions.

In this way, the CA has the certainty and reliability that the bidding EO can implement the contract subject to procurement without having various obstacles that would affect the progress of the CA's work.

Also, taking into account the difficult and special type of work that the EO must do in the implementation of this contract, the CA requires that the bidding EO have similar experience of this nature.

Regarding the qualification of similar contracts, according to the technical opinion of the CA's engineers during the preparation of the tender documents, we clarify that the Transmission System Operator (OST) sh.a. administers the electricity transmission network with a voltage of 110-400 kV, which consists of 400/220 kV substations, 110/TM kV substations and 110/220/400 kV lines.

To guarantee the normal and safe functioning of the electric power system, OST sh.a. is responsible for the development, automation, rehabilitation, and maintenance of the components of the Transmission System.

We emphasize that OST sh.a. is the only institution managing facilities with these voltage levels. Guaranteeing the stability of the Energy System and the security of electricity supply at high voltages is based on the strict implementation of the regulations on Technical Safety and Technical Operation of Substations and Lines of the Energy System.

To make a comparison of the technical/professional level required in works on high voltage equipment, we argue as follows for works with voltage levels of 110, 220, and 400 kV:

- The 110, 220 and 400 kV networks, administered by OST sh.a. are built in air (AIS), therefore, they use the electrical stability of air as an insulating material. They require a large surface area and in many cases work in spaces that are close to high-voltage equipment that poses a high risk to operators. Their work is supervised and conditioned by the requirements of the above-mentioned regulations. Only instructed operators with a technical security card may work in the substation/line.

- Primary equipment is placed on reinforced concrete foundations and special mechanical constructions. We emphasize that primary equipment is heavy and at the same time very delicate. They require lifting/transporting machines as well as compliance with special rules for transport, movement, placement on the foundation and assembly.
- The wiring, testing, and commissioning works, which are carried out for each element, require highly specialized operators due to the difficulties and complexity of the work and have a relatively high cost.
- Relay protection is a complex device that uses combined data (current/voltage) and current protection, which are wired by creating logic for electrical blocking for inaction in case of incorrect actions. Relay and automatic protection (BCU) are placed in separate panels.
- A standardized IEC procedure is followed for its testing and commissioning. The complexity of the work in them also requires highly specialized employees and in-depth knowledge of the equipment.
- The measurement is placed in separate panels and a standardized testing procedure is followed that is regulated by strict IEC standards. The operators are highly specialized.
- In a substation, works are carried out for SKADEN and Telecommunications that require knowledge of the equipment and high specialization of the operators and companies that work.
- The construction/reconstruction/work of high-voltage lines has difficulties related to the design, construction, placement of poles, conductors and various components. The construction of a high-voltage line requires special machines and equipment without which the quality of the works for their construction is seriously compromised. The construction of high-voltage lines requires special and very strict technical conditions as they are subject to extremely severe atmospheric conditions and must present sufficient mechanical resistance to them.
- We can affirm that the complexity, difficulty and importance of the above-mentioned works increases with the increase in the voltage level (the difference between 110, 220 and 400 kV and other lower voltage levels) and significantly determines the requirements for the professional level of the operators who will perform them as well as the use of machines and equipment. We emphasize that: in determining the conditions for works at OST jsc facilities, in addition to our regulations, the procedures and technical requirements followed by well-known and experienced foreign contractors who have worked at our facilities for more than 20 years were taken as a model.

*2.3.2 The bidding economic operator must be equipped with a professional license in the field of design or have a contractual agreement with the holders of these licenses, issued by the relevant bodies, which must contain the following categories:*

<i>Architect Designer</i>	<i>Point 2/a</i>
<i>Constructor Designer</i>	<i>Point 3/a</i>

<i>Installation Designer</i>	<i>Point 4/c, f, j</i>
<i>Geodetic Designer</i>	<i>Point 8/a, d</i>
<i>Engineering Geological - Hydrogeological Study</i>	<i>Point 9/a</i>
<i>Plant Design ..... for Electrical Distribution</i>	<i>Point 10/d</i>

**Argumentation:** These design categories are in accordance with the items of the preliminary estimate, the technical specifications and the procurement object, are proportional and closely related to the execution of the works, the nature and value of the contract. This requirement regarding the professional license of the company is in accordance with Article 77 of Law No. 162, dated 23.12.2020 “On public procurement”, as amended, as well as point 6 of Article 39 of the Council of Ministers No. 285, dated 19.05.2021 “On the approval of public procurement rules”, as amended.

Also, the bidding EO may contract the holders of these licenses, if they are not part of its staff, for the purpose of executing the contract.

2.3.3 *The bidding economic operator must be equipped with a professional license, in the field of implementation of the works, issued by the relevant bodies, which must contain the following categories:*

General/special construction works:

<i>Category NP-1,</i>	<i>Excavation works</i>	<i>Classification A</i>
<i>Category NP-2</i>	<i>Civil and industrial constructions</i>	<i>Classification B</i>
<i>Category NP-4</i>	<i>Roads, highways, overpasses, railways, trams, metro, airport runways</i>	<i>Classification A</i>
<i>Category NP-11</i>	<i>Constructions for substations, transformer cabins, TN and medium voltage lines and energy distribution</i>	<i>Classification F</i>
<i>Category NS-4</i>	<i>Re-finishing of masonry and related works, re-finishing with wood, plastic, metal and glass materials and re-finishing of a technical construction nature</i>	<i>Classification A</i>
<i>Category NS-8</i>	<i>Prefabricated buildings, reinforced concrete, metal and wooden structures</i>	<i>Classification A</i>
<i>Category NS-12</i>	<i>Technological, thermal and air conditioning plants</i>	<i>Classification A</i>
<i>Category NS-13</i>	<i>Telephone and telecommunication plants and lines</i>	<i>Classification A</i>
<i>Category NS-18</i>	<i>Topographical and geodetic works</i>	<i>Classification A</i>

Category NS-20	Geological-engineering drilling, wells and water drilling	Classification A
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**Note:**

*i. In case of participation of a foreign economic operator, the latter must have the above License with the described categories registered with the relevant bodies in the Republic of Albania according to its legislation in force.*

**Argumentation:** These categories of work are in accordance with the budget items and the procurement object, are proportional and closely related to the implementation capacity, nature and value of the contract. This requirement regarding the professional license of the company is in accordance with Article 77 of Law No. 162, dated 23.12.2020 “On public procurement”, as amended, as well as point 6/a, of Article 39, of Council of Ministers No. 285, dated 19.05.2021 “On the approval of public procurement rules”, as amended.

2.3.4 *The economic operator bidding must have employed at least the following employees:*

- *As a technical manager included in the company's license, at least 1 (one) construction engineer, 2 (two) electrical engineers, 1 (one) topographic engineer/surveyor, 1 (one) electronic engineer, 1 (one) environmental engineer. The above engineers must be insured and appear on the relevant E-Sig payroll for the last 12 (twelve) months from the date of publication of the contract notice.*
- *Also, as part of its staff, the bidder, in addition to the above engineers, must have 2 (two) electrical engineers and 1 (one) mechanical engineer. The above engineers must be insured and appear on the relevant E-Sig payroll for the last 12 (twelve) months from the date of publication of the contract notice.*

*Regarding this point, the bidding economic operator must have available for the above-mentioned employees: individual employment contracts, accompanied by the relevant diplomas/certificates of the above engineers, the company license and the payroll for the requested period.*

*For the above point, the bidding economic operators must submit the self-declaration form according to Appendix No. 8.*

*While the qualified and first ranked economic operator must submit to the CA, before the publication of the winner's announcement and the start of the appeal deadlines, all the supporting documentation required as above.*

**Argumentation:** The requirement for the above-mentioned engineers is proportionate and related to the object of the contract, the works required in the technical specifications, the volumes of work, it also respects the principle of non-discrimination and is a minimum requirement that can be met by any EO that has these types of works in its commercial facility. These qualification

requirements are in accordance with point 6 of Article 39 of the Council of Ministers No. 285, dated 19.05.2021 “On the approval of public procurement rules”, as amended, as well as Article 77 of Law No. 162, dated 23.12.2020 “On public procurement”, as amended. These requirements serve the contracting authority to recognize the possibility of the EO for the successful fulfillment of the contract.

*2.3.5 The economic operator bidding must have the necessary number of employees for the implementation and execution of the contract. The number of insured employees must be no less than 50 (fifty) employees for the last 12 (twelve) months from the date of publication of the contract notice.*

*Regarding this point, the economic operator bidding must have a certificate issued by the Taxation Branch or the Social and Health Insurance Branch in which the number of insured employees is determined, accompanied by the relevant E-Sig payroll lists, for social and health insurance contributions.*

*For the above point, the economic operators bidding must submit the self-declaration form according to Annex No. 8.*

*While the qualified and first ranked economic operator must submit to the CA, before the publication of the winner's announcement and the start of the appeal deadlines, all the supporting documentation required as above.*

**Argumentation:** Regarding the number of average workforce provided, taking into account the volumes of work subject to the contract, the nature and value of the contract, this number of employees is proportional and related to the implementation capacity, in order to implement the contract on time and successfully. This request serves the contracting authority to recognize the possibility of the EO for the successful fulfillment of the contract. The number of employees is calculated taking into account the volume of work for the successful implementation of the contract. This request is in accordance with Article 77 of Law No. 162, dated 23.12.2020 “On public procurement”, as amended, as well as point 6/ç, of Article 39, of the Council of Ministers No. 285, dated 19.05.2021 “On the approval of public procurement rules”, as amended.

*2.3.6 The bidding economic operator must have a minimum of 20 (twenty) employees, equipped with personal technical insurance cards, of which 10 (ten) must be employees with technical insurance category IV-V, issued by companies accredited under law no. 8734, date 01.02.2001 “On guaranteeing the safety of electrical equipment and installations” as amended.*

*Regarding this point, the bidding economic operator must have:*

*i) the E-Sig pay slips of the aforementioned employees and*

*ii) the relevant valid technical insurance cards.*

*For the point as above, the bidding economic operators must submit the self-declaration form according to Annex No. 8.*

*While the qualified and first ranked economic operator must submit to the CA, before the publication of the winner's announcement and the start of the appeal deadlines, all the supporting documentation required as above.*

**Argumentation:** Regarding the request for personnel equipped with technical insurance cards, the bidding economic operator must have and submit the relevant cards of the employees who will perform the works subject to the contract. Such a number of insured persons is required because the works subject to the procurement procedure require qualified and capable employees to work according to the requirements of occupational safety in order to avoid risks to life, health and any other problems during the implementation of the contract.

The employees who will carry out this contract, due to its technical nature and the working conditions on high voltage lines, must respect the regulation of technical electrical insurance, based on the relevant legal provisions for works above 1000 Volt, at height, with and without voltage removal, respecting the distance to the nominal working voltage for lines 110 kV and above.

This request is in accordance with Article 77 of Law No. 162, dated 23.12.2020 “On public procurement”, as amended, as well as point 6/c, of article 39, of the Council of Ministers No. 285, dated 19.05.2021 “On the approval of public procurement rules”, as amended.

### **2.3.7 The economic operator bidding must have at least the following engineers:**

- *1 (one) Electrical Engineer certified for: architecture and schemes of TL electrical substations; protection and controls; Scada/RTU and relay, who must have been certified no less than 12 (twelve) months from the date of publication of the contract notice.*
- *1 (one) Electrical Engineer certified by the manufacturer or equivalent certifications, issued by authorized/certified authorities for their issuance, for the installation and commissioning of DGA monitoring equipment and monitoring of transient insulators, as well as integration into the central server installed at the CA, who must have been certified no less than 12 (twelve) months from the date of publication of the contract notice.*

*Note: An engineer may have more than one certification.*

*Regarding this point, the economic operator bidding must have: the individual employment contract, accompanied by the Electrical Engineer diploma, the certificate, as well as the payroll for the requested period.*

*For the point as above, the economic operators bidding must submit the self-declaration form according to Appendix No. 8.*

*While the qualified and first ranked economic operator must submit to the CA, before the publication of the winner's announcement and the start of the appeal deadlines, all the supporting documentation required as above.*

**Argumentation:** The requirement for the above-mentioned engineer is related to the subject of the contract and the nature of the electrical engineer's profile, as well as in support of the specific nature of these important parts of the contract subject to procurement, described in the Technical Specifications. This qualification requirement is in accordance with point 6/c, article 39, of the Council of Ministers No. 285, dated 19.05.2021 "On the approval of public procurement rules", as amended, and serves the contracting authority to recognize the possibility of the EO for the successful fulfillment of the contract. The Contracting Authority OST sh.a. is considered of particular importance, with regard to the electro-energy system in the Republic of Albania and any delay that may be caused by unqualified personnel may seriously violate this system and may have very major consequences. For this reason, the necessary qualifications are essential, are not discriminatory and provide the necessary security and reliability for the implementation of the contract subject to the procurement procedure.

2.3.8 *The bidder must have at least the following means to carry out the works, in order to achieve the procurement object:*

<b>Nr</b>	<b>Tools</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
1	<i>Auto Crane for the assembly of the power Autotransformer, with a capacity of <math>\geq 200</math> tons.</i>	<i>1 piece</i>
2	<i>Autocrane up to 5 tons</i>	<i>2 pieces</i>
3	<i>Excavator 0.15 – 05 m<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>1 piece</i>
4	<i>Fadrome 1 - 1.5 m<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>1 piece</i>
5	<i>Bulldozer 80 – 100 HP</i>	<i>1 piece</i>
6	<i>Moto/Electroconcrete mixer 500 liters</i>	<i>1 piece</i>
7	<i>Roller compressor</i>	<i>1 piece</i>
8	<i>Autobitumatrix</i>	<i>1 piece</i>
9	<i>Asphalt paver</i>	<i>1 piece</i>
10	<i>Trailer truck for the transport of the autotransformer</i>	<i>1 piece</i>
11	<i>Interurban transport truck 20 tons</i>	<i>1 piece</i>
12	<i>Transport truck up to 10 - 16 tons (within the construction site)</i>	<i>2 pieces</i>
13	<i>Pickup truck 1.5 – 3.5 tons</i>	<i>2 pieces</i>

*As evidence for the fulfillment of this point, the operator must have:*

*1. For owned vehicles, machinery and equipment, the ownership deed must be presented (sales contract, tax invoice of sale or customs clearance invoice, etc.)*

*2. For rented vehicles, machinery and equipment, a lease contract (or other form of loan) must be presented as well as the lessor's ownership deed according to the definition made above. The lease contract must contain the object and term of renting the vehicles.*

*3. For vehicles that are recorded in public registers, a document certifying registration (circulation permit) and the act of approval must be presented.*

*For the point as above, the bidding economic operators must submit the self-declaration form according to Appendix No. 8.*

*While the qualified and first ranked economic operator must submit to the CA, before the publication of the winner's announcement and the start of the appeal deadlines, all the supporting documentation required as above.*

**Argumentation:** The technical means and equipment set as a requirement to be fulfilled by the EO are necessary for the works during the implementation of the contract subject to the procurement procedure, for the implementation of the works to be carried out on the site. This requirement is minimal and non-discriminatory in accordance with Article 77 of Law No. 162, dated 23.12.2020 “On public procurement”, as amended, as well as point 6/d, of Article 39, of the Council of Ministers No. 285, dated 19.05.2021 “On the approval of public procurement rules”, as amended.

**2.3.9** *The economic operator bidding to perform this contract must be equipped with and present the relevant valid ISO certificates, issued by conformity assessment bodies accredited by the DPA, or international accreditation bodies recognized by the Republic of Albania, as follows:*

- a. ISO 9001: certificate of quality management of works, related to the subject of the contract;*
- b. ISO 45001: certificate of occupational safety management system, related to the subject of the contract;*
- c. ISO 14001: for the environmental management system, related to the subject of the contract.*
- d. ISO 27001: for the information security management system, related to the subject of the contract.*

**Argumentation:** Regarding the requirement that the bidding EO must be equipped and present certificates of standards such as ISO, it is considered that this is a necessary criterion for the nature and value of the contract and in proportion to them, in order to guarantee the timely, successful and quality implementation according to international standards, of the object of the contract.

Certificate for the ISO 9001 quality management system: is today the internationally recognized reference for the certification of the quality management system of companies of all sectors and

all sizes. This criterion is required by the CA in order to verify the quality of the service and guarantee the timely, successful and quality implementation according to international standards of the object of the contract.

Certificate for the Occupational Health and Safety Management System ISO 45001: has been established as a qualification criterion for economic operators bidding because it deals with the occupational health and safety management system, which is of particular importance for the performance of this contract. The bidding EO that will perform the contract subject to the procurement procedure must perform the works subject to the procurement procedure and this license category minimizes the risks that may arise during the performance of this contract.

Certificate for environmental quality management ISO 14001: required by the CA guarantees that the bidding EO is certified for products that do not harm the environment and do not pollute it and that are in accordance with international quality standards.

Certificate for information security management ISO 27001: is necessary as it defines the requirements for an information security management system. Due to the particular importance of the CA in the Republic of Albania, especially in the electro-energy system, it is considered that information must be protected and the Contractor subject to the procurement procedure must intervene in the internal system of the CA.

Certification under this category confirms the existence and functioning of the controls of the bidding EO and provides the necessary security to the CA. The request regarding these certificates is in accordance with Article 79 of Law No. 162, dated 23.12.2020 “On public procurement” as amended and Article 44 of the Council of Ministers No. 285, dated 19.05.2021 “On the approval of public procurement rules” as amended.

*2.3.10 The bidding economic operator must accurately complete the column with the technical data offered in all tables presented in Annex 5 (Technical Specifications) of these DT, where required.*

***Failure to complete accurately is a disqualification element.***

**Argumentation:** The fulfillment of this criterion is established in accordance with the provisions of Article 36 of Law No. 162, dated 23.12.2020 “On Public Procurement”, as amended, in order to avoid the possibility of misunderstanding and mis-referencing by the bidder of the technical specifications of the requested products. This guarantees the CA that the bidder specifically knows the requested product and undertakes its presentation without any deviation from what is required in the DT. This criterion is established based on the special importance that these equipment have in the procurement procedure, it is proportional to the value and nature of the contract.

*2.3.11 For the following list of goods:*

1. 220 kV line section, according to technical specifications.
2. 220 kV transformer section, according to technical specifications.
3. 220 kV disconnector, according to technical specifications.
4. HGIS equipment with a power knife, according to technical specifications.
5. Disconnector with a power knife, according to technical specifications.
6. 110 kV arrester, according to technical specifications.
7. Protection panel, according to technical specifications.
8. Control panel, according to technical specifications.
9. Control and monitoring equipment (SCADA server together with the SCADA software license for the server), according to technical specifications.
10. Telecommunication equipment, according to technical specifications.
11. 1x150 MVA autotransformer, according to technical specifications.
12. No-load voltage change variator, according to technical specifications.
13. 20 kV cell, according to technical specifications.
14. Rectifiers, AC panels, DC panels and 110V batteries, according to technical specifications.
15. DGA equipment and monitoring of transient insulators, according to technical specifications.
16. 220 kV terminal, according to technical specifications.

*The economic operator bidding must submit:*

1. Authorization of the manufacturer/s/authorized distributor for the above list of goods. The authorization must contain full data of the manufacturer such as: telephone, fax, e-mail, website, this is necessary for the Contracting Authority in case of verification by it.
2. Catalog/s or fragments of the catalog/s of the manufacturer/s/for the list of the above materials to be offered, in which the basic technical data are presented.

*Note: The fragments of the catalogue/s must easily and clearly indicate that they are part of the catalogue, as well as to which catalogue and which manufacturer they belong to.*

3. The economic operator bidding must submit evidence of official tests carried out, issued by authorized institutions or by the manufacturer previously carried out, which certify the compliance of the materials produced (the above list or similar) with the technical specifications and required standards.

**Argumentation:** Regarding the criterion for the list of goods to be used, given the great importance of the project and the function they will perform in the implementation of the contract object, as well as their value, it was thought that this criterion would enable the provision of quality goods with parameters that are met by certified manufacturers for the management of the quality of goods. This criterion is proportional to the value of the contract, is non-discriminatory and can be met by any operator with experience in this area of the contract object. This criterion is in accordance with Article 77, point 4, of Law No. 162, dated 23.12.2020 “On public procurement”,

as amended and point 6, of Article 40, of VKM No. 285, dated 19.05.2021 “On the approval of public procurement rules”, as amended.

*2.3.12 In order to complete Annex 8 "Summary self-declaration form", the bidding Economic Operator must provide clear data such as Name, Surname, Father's Name, Mother's Name, Date of Birth, Place of Birth, Personal Number, as well as a scanned copy of the identification document (Albanian or foreign), for the Administrator/Administrators of the company, Partner/Partners of the company, various special representatives of the company, various managers of the company.*

**Argumentation:** This criterion is established with reference to the joint announcement No. 1155 prot, dated 01.02.2019, of the Public Procurement Agency and the Ministry of Justice No. 1001/1 prot, dated 01.02.2019, according to the provisions of Article 76/1, of Law No. 162, dated 23.12.2020 “On public procurement”, Contracting Authority Transmission System Operator S.A. has the obligation to verify persons who are members of the administrative body, manager or supervisor, shareholder or partner, or have representative, decision-making or controlling powers within the economic operator.

For this reason, the verification of these persons requires accurate data such as name, surname, father, mother, place of birth, date of birth and personal number of the person.

## **II. Argumentation of technical specifications**

*The technical specifications have been drawn up taking into consideration the needs of the Contracting Authority, for the goods subject to the procurement procedure, calculating the necessary quantities, the appropriate characteristics and the appropriate national and international standards, according to the provisions of Article 36 of Law No. 162, dated 23.12.2020 “For public procurement” as amended.*

*Their more detailed argumentation is reflected in the attached "Technical Specifications" material.*