

Request for Information (RFI)

OMV UPHY Large Work Package (WP) 3 Hydrogen Pipeline - Provision of Construction services for the Installation of a new Hydrogen Pipeline

1 Introduction

This RFI is issued by OMV Group, referred to as "the Company" or "we" or "us"

2 Scope of Project – UpHy Large WP3- Hydrogen Pipeline

We are looking for potential Contractors who are ready to take responsibility for Construction services (main scope: mechanical and civil construction) associated with the completion of a DN 250 (10") carbon steel internally and externally coated pipeline, approximately 22 Km connecting a new Electrolyser Plant in Bruck an der Leitha, Lower Austria to the Company Schwechat Refinery.

Key dates for the overall schedule are summarized below and with an overall key milestone to receive the first delivery of hydrogen at the refinery via the fully commissioned pipeline latest by June 2027.

The FEED engineering is completed for DN 400 and is currently under revision for the finally selected DN 250. Request for proposal/information is ongoing for the key long lead items:

- Pipeline Material - Line Pipes DN250 (10"), PN64, 22km, carbon steel; Fabricated bends DN250 (10"), PN64, carbon steel;
- Main Valves- 3 pcs 10" MOV, 2 pcs 10" #600 UZV;
- Pig trap (Pig receiver / launcher) 2 pcs;
- Isolation couplings DN 250 (10")

3 Aim of this Request for information

The purpose is to identify Contractors for construction services (mainly mechanical, piping, and civil) who have a proven track record of installing metallic pipelines in Central Europe and to be able to demonstrate an understanding of compliance with local codes and standards and permit requirements.

The permit will be available to enable mobilization and construction work to commence soon after the award until the end of October 2025. Earlier commencement of the works will not be possible due to the bird breeding season which prevent disturbance of the ground.

Part of the early work will be topsoil removal along the route and the preparation of 3 line pipe storage facilities along the route. Pipes will be delivered with a minimum length 12m and maximum length 18m.

The pipeline route includes the following crossings that will be further described in the RFP package.

	Type of Crossing	Quantity
1	Railroad lines	1
2	Streets & traffic ways - closed	8
3	Streets & traffic ways - open	2
4	External pipelines	1

5	Rivers & dams - closed	2
6	Water bodies - open	2
7	S7/B9 - microtunnel	1
8	Fischa - microtunnel	1
9	Crossing Reisenbach - pipe boring	1

There are two pigging stations at either end of the pipeline with one at Bruck an der Leitha at the location of the Electrolyser facilities and the other at the Schwechat Refinery. The interface point between the pipeline Contractor and other contractors working at these locations will be clearly defined.

4 Submission of expression of interest

You are requested first to submit your expression of interest and later on your proposal.

5 Submission of proposal

The Company will evaluate the responses to this RFI and will select the potential bidders it intends to issue a Pre-Tender Information Package to during June 2025, based on the discarded size DN 400 tender documentation.

This Pre-Tender Information Package shall be used to get familiar with the style of the Request of Proposal (RFP) and the typicals of this project. Site visits along the route can be organized and technical queries can be already started. For operating reasons, we are able to reduce the diameter of the pipeline to DN250, currently the FEED documentation is under revision. Knowing already the Project, based on the Pre-Tender Information Package (based on DN 400) shall allow to reduce the period for bid preparation on the finally selected DN 250 sized pipeline.

6 Our initial timeline

	Activity	Planned Date	Alternate recommendation by the potential bidder
1	Issue of this RFI	May 2025	
2	Response to RFI by the bidders	May 2025	
3	Issue Pre-Tender Information Package and documentation for DN400	1 st of June 2025	
4	Question/Answer period including site visit	Until end of July 2025	
5	RFP for DN250	Latest on 1 st of September 2025	
6	Bid submission for DN250 (without additional site visit, potential final clarification round is possible)	latest on 26 th of September	
7	Issue Award	Until 31 st of October 2025	
8	Mobilization for the work	ASAP	
9	Topsoil removal is completed (critical)	End of February 2026	
10	Activities in Natura 2000 (critical)	Start before March 2026	
11	Available to Operate Pipeline	End June 2027	

7 How to send your Response to this RFI

Deadline for submitting your initial expression of interest by 21st of May 2025 10:00 CET via email or Ariba message board.

7.1	Your confirmation to participate in the bidding process considering the following requirements: - Construction and testing of Pipelines acc. the applicable technical international & Austrian standards; - Application of the Austrian soil protection directive "Bodenschutzrichtlinie"; - Capability to bid based on German documentation (for information only);
7.2	A statement that you have experience of the following methods as part of your pipeline experience: - Working in drainage fields, including professional restauration of drainage lines and systems; - Trenchless crossings methods (incl. HDD & microtunnel) for crossings of rivers/roads/railway lines and energy infrastructure (gas/oil pipelines, power lines);
7.3	Include a list of references for comparable (length and diameter) onshore pipeline construction.
7.4	Your availability in the requested time frame concerning the time schedule and critical steps (Topsoil removal must be done before February 28th, 2026. Activities in Natura 2000 shall be started also before February 28th). Alternate schedule will be considered and in the evaluation the focus will be on the critical steps.
7.5	Required time for bid submission (DN250). Provisional durations are included in the table in Section 6 and your confirmation you can comply with any pre-conditions listed is required.
7.6	Current documentation (Pre-Tender Information Package) is available in German language only. Company will provide the documentation in the final RFP for the revised size (DN250) in English.
7.7	Collaboration of contractors will be key to the success of the Project. Please provide feedback and experience with the Engineering and Construction Management partners you are most familiar working with for similar European onshore pipelines.
7.8	Confirm the sections of the scope of the pipeline construction scope that you would typically subcontract and if it would be your intention to use the subcontractors in Austria that you have existing relationships with.
7.9	If a bidder has not been previously prequalified by Company, the prequalification process will continue in parallel with the Question/Answer period until end of July 2025 at the latest. The bidder can only be considered if the prequalification process is completed satisfactorily. If you applicable, please confirm your agreement for the prequalification process to be carried out in parallel.

8 Contacts

Bidder is required to submit their response by e-mail or ARIBA to:

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9 Instructions to your Response to this RFI

Article 1: The Contractor shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its response to this RFI, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the RFI process. No costs incurred by the Contractor in preparing and submitting its response are reimbursable, neither will the Company be liable for damages in case of cancellation or recall of this RFI.

Article 2: After the responses to the RFI, OMV shall reply to all parties showing interest, but reserves the right to decide which respondents will be invited to participate to further clarifications, if any.

Article 3: Business Ethics represents a key value for OMV and a prerequisite for entering a partnership. OMV will strive to select those business partners that have ethical business behavior. OMV reserves the right to disqualify the Contractors at any time if the business ethics conditions are not met.

Article 4: OMV reserves the right to require additional documents relevant for this purpose to qualified companies for the negotiation phase.

Article 5: OMV is entitled to cancel or recall this RFI partly or entirely without any limitation of time. OMV shall not be obliged to pay, on whatsoever legal basis, any consideration or reimbursement of any costs related to such cancellation/recall.

Article 6: OMV reserve the right to amend or modify any portion of any or all the RFI prior to the due date. Any amendment will be issued as RFI clarifications. Contractors will develop their response on the information provided at the time of issue of the initial RFI unless requested otherwise.

Article 7: Contractor shall treat all parts of this RFI as strictly confidential. The potential Contractor shall not make or cause any public announcements relating to this RFI without the explicit prior written agreement of OMV.

Article 8: OMV reserves the right to request an updated answer based on the clarifications provided during the negotiation period.

Article 9: Ownership of all documents and all copyrights remains with OMV.