

Serbian state-owned power utility EPS launched an international tender for the procurement of works, equipment and other services for the construction of its first wind farm - Kostolac.

The project includes that construction of 66 MW wind farm in Kostolac, near the existing thermal power plant, operated by EPS. The aim is to increase and diversify energy resources and contribute to the generation of electricity without the emission of harmful gases and diminish the negative environmental impact of coal-based electricity production. The tender is divided into two lots. The first one includes the procurement and installation of 20 wind turbines with combined power output of 66 MW and the construction of adjoining 35/110 kV substation and administrative buildings. The second one pertains to the construction of internal roads and connection to state road network.

The deadline for the submission of bids is 1 October.

Kostolac wind farm will be built at four locations on closed pit mines and landfills of Kostolac thermal power complex. It will have power output of 66 MW, with projected annual electricity generation of 150 million kWh, enough to cover the needs of some 30,000 consumers. The investment is worth 97 million euros, of which 80 million euros will be provided through a loan from KfW Bank. It is planned that the construction of Kostolac wind farm should start in 2019 and it should be put in operation a year later.