1. The Government of Lebanon has received a loan from the Italian Government for the implementation of the co-operation project and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for the Hrajel Wastewater Treatment Plant and Networks Project. The cost estimate of the Project, covering the Works and two (2) years Operation & Maintenance (O&M), is 14,154,995.30 Euros. The Project is divided into two (2) packages: the Package I covers the Mandatory Works with relevant 2 years O&M, and Package II covers the Optional Works with relevant 2 years O&M. The maximum allocated amount by the Italian Soft Loan to finance, at least, the Mandatory Package: is 7,125,020.51 Euros.

2. The Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR) as executing agency for and on behalf of the Government of Lebanon, and as Employer under the Contract invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Hrajel Wastewater Treatment Plant and Networks Project. The project consists of wastewater collection, conveyance and treatment systems including operation and maintenance and includes:

   - Supply, installation and testing of 36,860 meters of wastewater gravity collectors made of concrete pipes and UPVC pipes which diameters range from 200mm to 600mm as follows:
     
     | Diameter (mm) | Length (m) |
     |--------------|------------|
     | 200          | 15,030     |
     | 250          | 1,420      |
     | 300          | 16,040     |
     | 400          | 2,970      |
     | 600          | 1,400      |

   - Supply, installation and testing of 400 meters of wastewater forcemains (pressure pipes) made of PVC PN16 pipes having 200mm diameter.

   - Supply, construction and testing of 1,366 reinforced concrete manholes for the gravity sewers (diameters and depths specified in the detailed design).

   - Supply, installation and testing of 915 house connections.

   - Construct, equip, test and commission 3 wastewater pumping stations.

   - Construct, equip, test and commission one (1) wastewater treatment plant.

   - Operation and maintenance of the constructed works for a period of two (2) years.

3. Eligible bidders are Italian Contractors bidding jointly or separately and meeting the requirements stipulated in the Instructions to Bidders. Italian contractors must meet additional qualifications as stipulated in the Bidding Data Sheet. Lebanese contractors cannot participate either alone or as partners in a Joint Venture.

4. Bidders will be post-qualified after submitting all required and necessary information stated in the Tender Documents, and shall satisfy mainly the following:
- The minimum average annual turnover in construction works over the last five years shall be Fifteen Million Euros (15,000,000 Euros).
- General experience of a minimum of ten years in the construction of wastewater systems including gravity sewers, forcemains, wastewater pumping stations and wastewater treatment plants projects.
- Particular experience within the past ten years as prime Contractor in the construction of two wastewater networks projects (gravity sewers, forcemains, wastewater pumping stations, …) for a total value of not less than (15) Fifteen Million Euros, among which one project for a total value of not less than (10) Ten Million Euros, in addition to the construction of one municipal wastewater treatment plant for a capacity of not less than 40,000 inhabitants.

5. Bidders may obtain further information, and inspect and acquire the Tender Documents starting from Monday, October 23rd, 2017 at the office of the Employer, at:

   The Council for development and Reconstruction
   Tenders Department
   Tallet El Serail
   Beirut Central District
   Beirut
   Lebanon
   Telephone: +961-1-981431/2
   Facsimile: +961-1-981255

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased at Council for Development and Reconstruction - Tallet El Serail - Beirut, Lebanon, for a non-refundable fee of Six Thousand US Dollars (6,000 US$). The method of payment will be a bank certified cheque in favor of the Council for Development and Reconstruction. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.

7. Bids must be delivered to the above office on or before 12 o’clock, noon, Beirut Local Time on **Monday, January 22nd, 2018** and must be accompanied by a bid security of 500,000 € (Five Hundred Thousand Euros). Bids shall be valid for a period of Three Hundred and Sixty (360) days after Bid opening date.

8. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders’ representatives who choose to attend at 12 o’clock, noon, Beirut Local Time on **Monday, January 22nd, 2018** at the offices of the:

   Council for Development and Reconstruction
   Tenders Department
   Tallet El Serail, Beirut Central District
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