

Invitation for Bids Without Prequalification

Country: Republic of Lebanon
Project: Lake Qaraoun Pollution Prevention Project
Loan No.: 8637-LB

Contract Title: Remaining Works Related to Expansion of Sewage Network to Connect to Zahle and to Aitanit Wastewater Treatment Plants

Reference No.: QC1W1a

The **Republic of Lebanon** *has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **Lake Qaraoun Pollution Prevention Project**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the **Remaining Works Related to Expansion of Sewage Network to Connect to Zahle and to Aitanit Wastewater Treatment Plants**. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing. The Borrower will pay the Contractor the certified amounts related to the submitted monthly statements, covering only the periods ending on the Loan Closing Date.

The **Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR)** acting as an implementing agency for and on behalf of the **Republic of Lebanon**, and as **Employer** under the Contract, now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction and completion of **the Remaining Works Related to Expansion of Sewage Network to Connect to Zahle and to Aitanit Wastewater Treatment Plants** (the Works). The works consist of the execution of the following parts:

Part 1 - Zahle Area: The remaining works in Zahlé area include, the construction and completion of the following Sewer Networks:

Networks	Pipeworks	Manholes	House Connections
Zahlé - El Ferzol Sewer Network	59,225 lm	1,537 №	1,000 №
Saadnayel - Taalbaya Sewer Network	3,420 lm	147 №	80 №
Quaa El Rim Sewer Network	9,440 lm	384 №	345 №
Hezzerta Sewer Network	15,390 lm	589 №	350 №

Part 2 - Aitanit Area: The remaining works in Aitanit area include, the rehabilitation of the existing main pumping station in El Qaraoun village, and the construction and completion of the following pumping stations electro-mechanical works in Baaloul and El Qaraoun villages:

Village	Pumping Station	Flow (m ³ /day)
Baaloul	PS1	302.40
	PS2	302.40
Qaraoun	PS3	395.71
	PS4	1,069.63
	PS5	542.59
	PS6	302.40

Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers – January 2011, Revised July 2014* ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Eligible Bidders (single entity or joint venture) shall meet the following summarized qualifying criteria (detailed in the bidding documents) in order to be qualified for award of the contract:

- Minimum average annual construction turnover of 4 MUS\$ (four Million US Dollars) calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed within the last seven (7) years, divided by seven (7) years;
- General Experience under construction contracts of water or wastewater projects in the role of prime contractor, sub-contractor, or JV member for at least the last ten (10) years;
- Specific Construction Experience as prime contractor, sub-contractor, or JV member, within the last ten (10) years, who has successfully completed at least two (2) water or wastewater projects, with at least one wastewater project of a nature and complexity similar to the proposed works with a value of not less than 5 MUS\$ (five Million US Dollars);
- Bank certificate for access to liquid assets and/or evidence of access to or availability of credit facilities of not less than 2 MUS\$ (two million US Dollars) sufficient to meet the construction cash flow of the contract.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from *the CDR* and inspect the bidding documents during office hours (from 9:00 to 15:00 Beirut Local Time) at the address given below, or may download from CDR website and inspect the bidding documents.

A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Three Hundred US Dollars (300 US\$). The method of payment will be a bank certified cheque or bank transfer (banking details will be provided upon request) in favour of the Council for Development and Reconstruction. The bidding document shall be picked up from CDR Tenders Department at the address below, and for international bidders, the bidding document could be sent via e-mail upon request and after receipt of the above-mentioned nonrefundable fee excluding any additional transfer costs.

A Pre-Bid meeting will take place and a site visit by the Employer will be organized on **Thursday, October 19th 2023**, at 10 o'clock, before noon, Beirut Local Time.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 12 o'clock, noon, Beirut Local Time on **Thursday, November 9th 2023**. Electronic bidding *will not* be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at 12 o'clock, noon, Beirut Local Time on **Thursday, November 9th 2023**, at the address below.

All bids must be accompanied by a *Bid Security* of **200,000 USD (Two Hundred Thousands US Dollars)** valid for **28 days** beyond the bid validity period. Bids shall be valid for a period of **120 days** after Bid opening date.

All Bids must be accompanied by a Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and/or Sexual Harassment (SH) Declaration.

Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

The address(es) referred to above is(are):

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