

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Invitation for Prequalification

Country: Republic of Armenia

Name of Project: "Construction of the Vedi Reservoir and the Rehabilitation of Irrigation Networks in Ararat Valley"

Contract name: "Design and Build of Vedi Reservoir and Auxiliary Structures"
AFD/ICB/CW-15/001

January 8, 2016

1. The Republic of Armenia has applied for funds from the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) toward the cost of the "Construction of the Vedi Reservoir and the Rehabilitation of Irrigation System", and it intends to apply part of the funds to payments under the contract for "Design and Build of Vedi Dam and Auxiliary Structures" AFD/ICB/CW-15/001. This contract will be jointly financed by the AFD and Government of the Republic of Armenia. Bidding process will be governed by the AFD's rules and procedures.
2. The "Water Sector Projects Implementation Unit" SA ("Employer") intends to prequalify contractors and/or firms for:
 - *the Design and Build of the Vedi Reservoir dams and appurtenance structures, including spillway, bottom outlet, irrigation water intake. The Vedi project is located approximately 70 km from Yerevan;*
 - *The Contractor will design the works based on the Detailed Design Report that will be provided with the bidding documents. The Contractor will be allowed to provide alternative solutions under the terms and specifications of the bidding documents.*
 - *The works will include a main dam (mixed earthfill/rockfill) with approximately 5 Mm³ of material, as well as a 0,2 Mm³ saddle dam. It will also include auxiliary structures such as a spillway, bottom outlet/irrigation water intake for a 2.9 m³/s peak irrigation flow.*
 - *It is expected that construction installations will not include a permanent camp for workers, as there are two small towns nearby.*

Prequalification's requirements include (but not limited to*):

Financial Situation and Performance

- **The Applicant shall demonstrate that it has access to, or has available, liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means (independent of any contractual advance payment) sufficient to meet the construction cash flow requirements estimated as US\$ 3,708,000.00 for the subject contract net of the Applicants other commitments.**
- **Minimum average annual construction turnover, calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed within the last 5 (five) years, divided by 5 (five): US\$ 22,250,000.00.**

Specific Experience

- Participation in at least 1 (one) contract as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor between 1st January 2006 and application submission deadline, that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed in construction of irrigation reservoir: *with a value of at least US\$ 47,400,000.00*;
- As a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor between 1st January 2006 and application submission deadline, that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed in construction of at least one rockfill/earthfill dam 40 m or higher; and
- Experience in the design-build of similar works;
- Participation in the above and in any other contracts completed and under implementation as prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor during the period stipulated between 1st January 2006 and application submission deadline, with a minimum construction experience in the following key activity successfully completed:
 - **EARTH WORKS – 1,000,000m³** (in any year within the period stated above);The required key activity may be demonstrated in one or more contracts (no more than three) combined if executed during same time period.

Environmental and Social (ES) Qualification Criteria:

- Availability of a valid ISO certification or internationally recognized equivalent (equivalency to be demonstrated by Applicant):
 - *Quality management certificate ISO 9001*
 - *Environmental management certificate ISO 14001*
- Experience of 1 (one) construction contract over the last 10 (ten) years, where major ES measures were carried out satisfactorily and in compliance with international standards.

An Applicant shall apply for prequalification only as a joint venture (comprising one international and one national firm), otherwise the Employer will reject such Application. Maximum number of members in the JV shall be: 2 (two).

**More details for prequalification requirements are provided in the Prequalification Document (Section III. Qualification Criteria and Requirements).*

3. It is expected that Invitations for Bid (IFB) will be made in **April 2016**. The contract will be based on FIDIC “Yellow Book” (Design-Build).
4. Interested eligible Applicants may obtain further information from and inspect the prequalification document at the “**Water Sector Projects Implementation Unit**” SA (address below) from 10:00 to 17:00, excluding public holidays.

A complete set of the prequalification document in **English** may be purchased by interested Applicants on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **10,000 Armenian Drams (AMD)** or **20\$US**. The method of payment will be banking transfer to the following account:

Beneficiary: Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Armenia/Central Treasury
Account Numbers: 900000906074 (USD) or 900000906082 (AMD)

The prequalification document will be sent by airmail (for overseas delivery) or handed over to the Applicant's representative. In the case of airmail delivery an additional fee of **25,000 AMD** or **50\$US**

will be charged for shipping. In addition, prequalification document will be also provided to Applicants in electronic format. If there are discrepancies between the hard copy and electronic version, the hard copy shall prevail.

5. Applications for prequalification should be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered to the address below by **February 12, 2016; 16:00 (Yerevan time)**, and be clearly marked "Application to Prequalify for "Design and Build of Vedi Reservoir and Auxiliary Structures" AFD/ICB/CW-15/001.

The address referred to above is:

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