Special Procurement Notice (SPN)

Country: **Republic of Armenia**

Project Name: **“Construction of the Vedi Dam and Irrigation System”**

Contract Name: **“Design and Build of the Water Conveyance System”**

**(Package 3, comprising of 2 lots)**

IFB N: **AFD/NCB/CW-16/003**

**Invitation for Bids**

1. The **Republic of Armenia**has receivedfundsfrom the **Agence Française de Développement** (AFD)toward the cost of the **“Construction of the Vedi Dam and Irrigation System” (Project).** It is intended that part of the proceeds of these funds will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for: **“Design and Build of the Conveyance System from DM 0 + 00-DM 15+25 (to Vedi intake) and DM 0+00-DM 17+15” AFD/NCB/CW-16/003-1 (Lot 1) and** **“Design and Build of the Conveyance System from DM 17 + 15 – DM 37+64” AFD/NCB/CW-16/003-2 (lot 2).** These contracts 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. The contracts will be based on FIDIC “Yellow Book” (Design-Build).
2. The **“Water Sector Projects Implementation Unit” SA (“Employer”)** now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction and completion of the following activities (“the Works”)*.*
* Design and construction of all civil works, including roads and temporary works, required for the construction of the first (upstream) half of Water Conveyance System from Vedi intake to the WCS midpoint as shown on drawings.

In addition to the permanent works listed above, temporary works will be required for the construction including offices, accommodation and stores, telephone and communication system used during construction period, concrete and aggregate production facilities, water supply, lighting, temporary access roads, temporary river crossing and cofferdam on river beds.

**The construction sites location:**

**Lot#1: at the distance of 52-53 km from Yerevan, near the Vedi town (Ararat Marz). The WCS sites are located in the pre-mountain areas of Ararat Plain, at the el. 1190-1150 m asl., and on the community lands of Urtsdazor village.**

**Lot#2: at the distance of 50-51 km from Yerevan, near the Vedi town (Ararat Marz). The WCS sites are located in the pre-mountain areas of Ararat Plain, at the el. 1150 - 1139 m asl., and on the community lands of Urtsdazor village.**

**The intended Completion Date:**

The duration of design phase (including Expert Examination) and construction works is: **18 (eighteen) months for each lot.**

**Qualification requirements include (but not limited to\*):**

**The Bidder 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:**

***-Lot 1: AMD 345,000,000 (or its equivalent in foreign currency) net of the Bidders other commitments; and***

***-Lot 2: AMD 235,000,000 (or its equivalent in foreign currency) net of the Bidders other commitments;***

**Minimum average annual construction turnover, calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed within the last 3 (three) years (starting 1st January 2013), divided by 3 (three) is:**

***-Lot 1: AMD 1,553,000,000 (or its equivalent in foreign currency); and***

***-Lot 2: AMD 1,057,000,000 (or its equivalent in foreign currency);***

**Experience under construction contracts in the role of prime contractor, JV member, sub-contractor, or management contractor for at least the last 5 (five) years, starting 1st January 2011.**

**A minimum number of similar contracts that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor in construction of hydro engineering structures of irrigation systems (such as water intakes, main and secondary canals, pipeline projects) between** **1st January 2009****and application submission deadline:**

***-Lot 1: with a value of at least AMD 1,242,000,000 (or its equivalent in foreign currency); or 2 (two) contracts each of minimum value of AMD 621,000,000 (or its equivalent in foreign currency); and***

***-Lot 2: with a value of at least AMD 845,500,000 (or its equivalent in foreign currency) or******2 (two) contracts each of minimum value of AMD 422,750,000 (or its equivalent in foreign currency).***

**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 2009 and application submission deadline, with a minimum construction experience in the following key activity successfully completed:**

***Lot 1:***

**- *EARTH WORKS – not less than 30,000m3 (in any year within the period stated above);***

***- PIPES and/or PIPELINE – not less than 1,5 km with minimum 530 pipe diameter (in any year within the period stated above).***

***Lot 2:***

**- *EARTH WORKS – not less than 25,000m3 (in any year within the period stated above);***

***- PIPES and/or PIPELINE – not less than 1,5 km with minimum 530 pipe diameter (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.

**Personnel and Equipment**

***To be qualified for two lots (contracts) the Bidder must meet the sum of requisites of two lots (contracts) correspondingly.***

A margin of preference for eligible national contractors/joint ventures **shall not** apply.

**Bidders may bid for one or two lots (contracts), as further defined in the bidding document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one contract will be allowed to do so, provided those discounts are included in the Letter of Bid/Tender.**

 *\*More details for qualification requirements are provided in the Bidding Document (Section III. Qualification Criteria and Requirements).*

1. Bidding will be conducted through the **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** procedures as specified in the AFD’s Guidelines*: “Guidelines for the Procurement of AFD-Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries* *[April 2015]”* (“Procurement Guidelines”), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraph 1.3.3 setting forth the AFD’s policy on conflict of interest.
2. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from **WSPIU SA office (Mr.Varazdat Mkrtchyan – Reservoir Construction Projects Coordinator.** **Tel:(+374** **41) 41-41-22; email:** **vmkrtchyan@wsdp.am****)** and inspect the bidding documents during office hours **10:00 to 17:00**at the address given below.
3. The electronic format (MS Word, Excel and/or PDF)of a complete set of the Bidding Documents in **Armenian language** will be provided to the interested eligible bidders free of charge upon the submission of a written application to the address below. The hard copies of the Bidding Documents will be also provided to the interested bidders or it’s representative on demand upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **100,000 Armenian Drams (AMD) or its equivalent in $US.** The method of payment will be banking transfer to the following account:

**For AMD**

**Beneficiary: Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Armenia/Central Treasury**

**Account Number: 900000906082**

**Or**

**For USD**

**Intermediary Bank: JP Morgan Chase bank, NY**

**SWIFT (BIC) code: CHASUS33**

**Beneficiary’s Bank Acc. No 001-1-010782**

**Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia**

**SWIFT (BIC) code: CBRAAM22**

**Beneficiary: Acc. No 103004200012**

**Ministry of Finance of RA**

**For further credit to acc: 900000906074**

1. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **September 23, 2016; 16:00 (Yerevan time)***.* 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 the address below on **September 23, 2016; 16:10 (Yerevan time).**
2. All bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security (Bank Guarantee)** in amount of:

***-Lot 1: AMD 46,500,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of RA as of Bid Security issuance date; and***

***-Lot 2: AMD 31,700,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of RA as of Bid Security issuance date.***

1. The address referred to above is:

**“Water Sector Projects Implementation Unit” State Agency**

**Attn.: Mr. Feliks Melikyan –Director**

**Mr. Gurgen Matsoyan - Procurement Specialist**

**75/44 Baghramyan Ave., Yerevan 0033, Republic of Armenia**

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