# **Special Procurement Notice**

Country: **Republic of Armenia**

Project Name: **Construction of Vedi reservoir and Irrigation System**

Contract Title: **“Construction of irrigation system, Package 6” (comprising of 2 lots)**

Reference No.: **AFD/NCB/CW-16/006**

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

1. The Republic of Armenia has receivedfinancing from the Agency for French Development (AFD) toward the cost of the **Construction of Vedi Dam and Irrigation System**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contracts for**: “Construction of the diversion pipeline: downstream section of Goravan branch and upstream section of Ararat branch”, AFD/NCB/CW-16/006-1 (Lot 1) and “Construction of the diversion pipeline: downstream section of Ararat branch”, AFD/NCB/CW-16/006-2 (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.

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”):

***Lot 1: earth works; concrete works; placement of pipes; insulation works etc. (as per BOQ)***

***Lot 2: earth works; concrete works; placement of pipes; insulation works etc. (as per BOQ)***

The construction sites location:

**Lot#1: at the distance of 53-54 km from Yerevan, near the Vedi town (Ararat Marz)**

**Lot#2: at the distance of 54-55 km from Yerevan, near the Vedi town (Ararat Marz)**

The intended Completion Date:

**- Lot 1: 16 (sixteen) months;**

**- Lot 2: 16 (sixteen) months;**

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

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

-**Lot-1: AMD 1,631,250,000 (or its equivalent in foreign currency);**

**-Lot-2: AMD 1,328,625,000 (or its equivalent in foreign currency);**

**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 362,500,000 (or its equivalent in foreign currency) net of the Bidders other commitments;**

**-Lot-2: AMD 295,250,000 (or its equivalent in foreign currency) net of the Bidders other commitments; and**

**Participation in at least 1 (one) contract for each lot as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor between 1st January 2009 and application submission deadline, that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed in construction of hydro engineering structures of irrigation systems (such as water intakes, main and secondary canals, pipeline projects)**

**-Lot 1: with a value of at least AMD 1,160,000,000 (or its equivalent in foreign currency)**

**-Lot 2: with a value of at least AMD 944,800,000 (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:***

***-Earthworks 25,000m3 (in any year within the period stated above);***

***-PIPELINES – not less than 1km with minimum DN-630mm (in any year within the period stated above).***

***Lot 2:***

***-Earthworks 25,000m3 (in any year within the period stated above);***

***-PIPELINES – not less than 1km with minimum DN-630mm (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 (the details of the required personnel and equipment are presented in the Bidding Document).***

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.**

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

3. 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.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from WSPIU SA office (Mr.Varazdat Mkrtchyan – Construction Supervision Engineer. 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.

5. 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 40,000 Armenian Drams (AMD) or its equivalent in $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 Number: 900000906082 (AMD)**

**or**

**Account Number: 900000906074 (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**

6. 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).

7. All bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security (Bank Guarantee)** in amount of:

***- Lot 1: AMD 43,000,000.00 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of RA as of Bid Security issuance date.***

***- Lot 2: AMD 35,000,000.00 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of RA as of Bid Security issuance date.***

8. The address referred to above is:

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

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