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Invitation for Bids

1. The Palestinian Water Authority has received funds from the Agence Française de Développement (the French Development Agency), the IrishAid and the Green Climate Fund towards the cost of **Water Banking and Adaptation of Agriculture to Climate Change in Northern Gaza**. It is intended that part of the proceeds of these grants will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for **North Gaza Sewage Treatment solar plant**.

2. The *Palestinian Water Authority* now invites sealed bids from eligible international and local bidders for the design, supply and installation of North Gaza Sewage Treatment solar plant (“The Facilities”).

International competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with the Agency's “Single-Stage” Bidding Procedure¹. In case of JV between more than one local contractors, a first-degree classification certificate will be required for each partner separately.

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of *Palestinian Water Authority / Project Management Unit -Gaza* shown below:

For Information

Palestinian Water Authority: Project Management Unit building,

Al Rasheed Street, Opposite Chalets Resort, VIP Building, 5th floor; Gaza City, Palestine,

Attn: Eng. Sadi Ali- PMU General Director

Tel: +970-8-264-4071, Fax: +70-8-264-4071

E-mail: Sali@pwa-gpmu.org

4. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased from the CTD office stated in item 8 below by interested bidders on the submission of a written request to the CTD starting and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **300 Euros**. The method of payment will be direct bank transfer to Ministry of Finance Revenue account in the Bank of Palestine- **IBAN No. PS65PALS045802190000013001049**.

¹ Bidders will submit bids in one envelope containing both the price proposal and the technical proposal. The envelopes are opened in public at the date and time advised in the bidding document. The bids are evaluated, and following approval by the Agency, the contract is awarded to the bidder whose bid has been determined to be the lowest evaluated substantially responsive bid.

5. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the Agence Française de Développement's *Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Plant, Design, Supply and Installation*.

6. Bidders are encouraged to attend the site visit, which will be held on **Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 10:00 am PLT**. The meeting point and pre-bid meeting shall be at the offices stated in item 3 above.

7. Bids shall be valid for a period of **180 days**, starting from the date of tender opening and must be accompanied by Bid Security of **EURO 200,000** valid for a period of **210 days** from the date of tender opening.

8. Bids must be delivered to the Central Tendering (CTD) Office shown below on or before 12:00 noon Local time on **Thursday 3 June 2021**. Address for Submission:

- Ministry of Public Works and Housing - Central Tendering Department

- Bitounia - Al-Balou' Street (Alm'abar) West Bank / Palestine

- Attn: Eng. Saeed Abu Zaid - Acting General Director

- email: abuzaidsead@yahoo.com

ctd@mpwh.pna.ps

- Telefax: + 970 2 2909092

- Mobile: + 970 592979098

9. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 12:00 noon Local time on **Thursday 3 June 2021** at the offices stated in item 8 above.

10. Qualification criteria are as follows:

Qualification criteria

Note: The general experience and financial resources of the subcontractors shall not be added to those of the Bidder for purposes of qualification of the Bidder.

1. Special qualification criteria applicable for local bidders:

- For Local classified contractors classified by the National Classification Committee in the field of electricity or electromechanical (first class), and have a valid classification certificate issued by the National Classification Committee of Contractors
- For Specialized Companies in the field of solar energy that have experience and officially registered in Ministry of National Economy can participate in the tender as joint venture member with a local contractor (as per the previous classification requirement) or an international contractor, the leader of the JV should be the local or international contractor.

Eligibility and Qualification Criteria			Compliance Requirements				Documentation
No.	Subject	Requirement	Single Entity	Joint Venture (existing or intended)			Submission Requirements
				All Parties Combined	Each Member	One Member	
1. Eligibility							
1.1	Nationality	Nationality in accordance with ITB 4.3	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N/A	Forms ELI – 1.1 and 1.2, with attachments
1.2	Conflict of Interest	No conflicts of interest in accordance with ITB 4.2	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N/A	Letter of Bid
1.3	AFD Eligibility	Not being ineligible to the AFD financing, as described in ITB 4.3	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N/A	Statement of Integrity and Environmental and Social Responsibility
1.4	Government Owned Entity	Meet conditions of ITB 4.3	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N/A	Forms ELI – 1.1 and 1.2, with attachments
2. Historical Contract Non-Performance							
2.1	History of Non-Performing Contracts	Termination of a contract ² did not occur as a result of contractor’s default in the past five (5) years	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement ³	N/A	Form CON-2
2.2	Suspension Based on Execution of Bid Securing Declaration by the Employer	Not under suspension based on execution of a Bid Securing Declaration pursuant to ITB 4.4 or withdrawal of a Bid pursuant ITB 20.9.	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N/A	Letter of Bid
2.3	Pending Litigation	All pending litigation shall in total not represent more than one hundred percent (100%) of the Bidder’s net worth and shall be treated as resolved against the Bidder.	Must meet requirement	N/A	Must meet requirement	N/A	Form CON – 2
3. Financial Situation and Performance							

² Non-performance shall include all terminations of contracts where (a) non-performance was not challenged by the Applicant, including through referral to the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract, and (b) contracts that were so challenged but fully settled against the Applicant. Non-performance shall not include contracts where Employers decision was overruled by the dispute resolution mechanism.

³ This requirement also applies to contracts executed by the Applicant as JV member.

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3.1	Financial Capabilities	(i) 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 3 million EUR for the subject contract(s) net of the Bidders other commitments;	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N/A	N/A	Forms FIN – 3.1, with attachments and FIN-3.3
		(ii) The Bidder shall also demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Employer, that it has adequate sources of finance to meet the cash flow requirements on works currently in progress and for future contract commitments;	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N/A	N/A	Form FIN-3.3
		(iii) The audited balance sheets or, if not required by the laws of the Bidder's country, other financial statements acceptable to the Employer, for the last <i>three (3)</i> years (2018, 2019 and 2020) shall be submitted and demonstrate the current soundness of the Bidder's financial position. The Bidder's financial position will be deemed sound if at least two (2) of the following four (4) criteria are met: a) Average earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and	Must meet requirement	N/A	N/A	Leader must meet requirement	Form FIN-3.1, with attachments

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		amortization (EBITDA) for the last three (3) years > 0; b) Total equity (net worth) for those last three (3) years > 0; c) Average liquidity ratio for those last three (3) years > 1 ((Current assets) / (Current liabilities) > 1); d) Average indebtedness ratio for the last three (3) years < 6 ((Total financial liabilities) / (EBITDA) < 6).					
3.2	Average Annual Turnover	Average annual turnover of 10 million EUR for the last 5 years (2016-2020), calculated as total certified annual payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed.	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	Must meet <i>twenty-five</i> 25% of the requirement	Must meet <i>forty</i> 40 % of the requirement	Form FIN – 3.2
4. Experience							
4.1	General Construction Experience	Experience under construction contracts in the role of prime contractor, JV member, subcontractor, or management contractor for at least the last 5 years, starting 1 st January 2016.	Must meet requirement	N/A	Must meet requirement	N/A	Form EXP – 4.1
4.2 (a)	Specific Construction &	(i) A minimum number of similar ⁴ contracts specified below that	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement ⁷	N/A	N/A	Form EXP 4.2(a) The bidder shall submit

⁴ The similarity shall be based on the physical size, complexity, methods/technology and/or other characteristics described in Section VII, Scope of Works. Summation of number of small value contracts (less than the value specified under requirement) to meet the overall requirement will not be accepted.

⁷ In the case of JV, the value of contracts completed by its members shall not be aggregated to determine whether the requirement of the minimum value of a single contract has been met. Instead, each contract performed by each member shall satisfy the minimum value of a single contract as required for single entity. In determining whether the JV meets the requirement of total number of contracts, only the number of contracts completed by all members each of value equal or more than the minimum value required shall be aggregated.

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	Contract Management Experience	have been satisfactorily and substantially ⁵ completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member ⁶ , management contractor or subcontractor between 1st January 2013 and bid submission deadline: 2 contracts, each of minimum value 3 million EUR. and not less than 3 MWP					copies of the certificates dated, signed and stamped by the Employer(s). If the Contract is to be awarded to the bidder, the bidder shall provide a certified copy before the contract signature. The certification shall be made by a national entity responsible for certifying copies of originals such as Contractors Union or the Ministry of Public Works or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or any other applicable body in the Employer or Bidder's Country.
4.2 (b)	Specific Experience	For the above or any other contracts completed and under implementation as prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or subcontractor ⁸ on or after the first day of the calendar year during the period stipulated in 4.2(a)	Must meet requirements	Must meet requirements	N/A	N/A	Form EXP 4.2(b) The bidder shall submit copies of the certificates dated, signed and stamped by the Employer(s). If the Contract is to be awarded to the

⁵ Substantial completion shall be based on 80% or more works completed under the contract.

⁶ For contracts under which the Applicant participated as a joint venture member or sub-contractor, only the Applicant's share, by value, shall be considered to meet this requirement.

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		above, a minimum construction experience in the following key activities successfully completed ⁸ : One (1) hybrid plant (combination of photovoltaic panels and diesel generators) of a minimum capacity of 0.5 MWp. One (1) solar ground-mounted plant worldwide, preferably Middle-East Northern Africa (MENA) region of a minimum capacity of 1.5 MWp.					bidder, the bidder shall provide a certified copy before the contract signature. The certification shall be made by a national entity responsible for certifying copies of originals such as Contractors Union or the Ministry of Public Works or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or any other applicable body in the Employer or Bidder's Country.
5. Environmental, Social, Health and Safety (ESHS)							

⁸ Volume, number or rate of production of any key activity can be demonstrated in one or more contracts combined if executed during same time period. The rate of production shall be the annual production rate for the key construction activity (or activities).

5.1	ESHS Documentation	<p>Availability of in house policies and procedures acceptable to the Employer for ESHS management:</p> <p>1. Existence of a system for monitoring compliance with ESHS commitments for the Bidder's subcontractors and all its partners;</p> <p>2. Existence of official company procedures for the management of the following relevant points (as a minimum):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESHS resources and facilities and ESHS monitoring organization; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Areas management (base camps, quarries, borrow pits, storage areas); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health & Safety on worksites; <input type="checkbox"/> Local recruitment and ESHS trainings of local staff (capacity building), ESHS trainings of subcontractors and local partners (transfer of knowledge); <input type="checkbox"/> Relations with stakeholders, information and consultation of local communities and authorities; <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic management; <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous products; <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater (effluents); <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of water resources; 	Must meet requirement	N/A	N/A	Leader must meet requirement	<p>1. A procedure or information on how the Bidder ensures that all members of the Joint Venture, subcontractors, suppliers and temporary labor (i) are aware and (ii) will meet ESHS requirements for the Contract must be provided.</p> <p>2. Official internal procedure documents on the topics indicated must be provided as per FORM ESHS.</p>
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Atmospheric emissions, noise and vibrations; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waste management; <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity: protection of fauna and flora; <input type="checkbox"/> Site rehabilitation and revegetation; <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion and sedimentation; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Control of infectious and communicable diseases (HIV/AIDS, malaria, etc.).					
5.3	ESHS Similar experience	Experience of 1 construction contract over the last 10 years, where major ESHS measures were carried out or are on progress satisfactorily and in compliance with international standards.	Must meet requirement	N/A	N/A	Leader must meet requirement	Form EXP-ESHS with supporting documents (in particular documents supporting the ESHS implementation shall be provided)
5.5	ESHS Dedicated Personnel	Availability of in-house personnel dedicated to ESHS issues: Environmental and Social Manager; and/or Health and Safety Manager;	Must meet requirement	N/A	N/A	Must meet requirement	Organizational chart evidencing ESHS filled positions
6. Security							
6.1	Security documentation	Having internal security management procedures and systems for business trips and on worksites	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N/A	N/A	Supply of the following documents acceptable to the Employer:

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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Description of the monitoring and alert system – Crisis management procedure
6.2	Repatriation	Subscription to an emergency repatriation assistance contract	Must meet requirement, if international company or if international experts are involved	N/A	Must meet requirement, if international company or if international experts are involved	Leader must meet requirement, if international company or if international experts are involved	Furnish a certificate from the company that will provide repatriation services
6.3	Security preparation	Existence and implementation of procedures and tools for preparing employees likely to work or who are working in areas with security risks	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N/A	N/A	Procedures and preparation tools provided at the time of departure with proof of implementation (proof of awareness-raising or training actions carried out)
6.4	Dedicated security personnel	Availability of personnel dedicated to security issues: security officer or equivalent with a minimum of two (2) years of relevant experience within the last seven (7) years	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N/A	N/A	Organisational chart highlighting a filled position dedicated to security and the security officer's CV