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**STATE OF PALESTINE
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING
CENTRAL TENDERING DEPARTMENT (CTD)
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
PALESTINIAN WATER AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

Country: State of Palestine
Name of Project: Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities Improvement for Bethlehem - Beit Jala – Beit Sahour
Project ID No.: **PWA/AFD/2017/059-CTD**
Assignment Title: Design and Installation of a Geographic Information System (GIS) for the Water Facilities and Training to WSSA
Reference No.: 2017/CPS 1027 - CTD

The Palestinian Authority (PA), has received financing from the French Development Agency (AFD), towards the cost of the **Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities Improvement for Bethlehem - Beit Jala – Beit Sahour**. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this grant will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the Design and Installation of a Geographic Information System (GIS) for the Water Facilities and Training to WSSA in which currently under bidding process.

This Project which is implemented by the Palestinian Water Authority (PWA) is to improve communities' access to sustainable water and wastewater services in the Water Supply and Sanitation Authority for Bethlehem, Beit Jala and Beit Sahour (WSSA). The accompanying components for WSSA of this project aim to:

- (i) Optimize the use of water, increase availability quantity for distribution and answer the demand at the 2017 horizon.
- (ii) Ensure sustainability and operation of the facilities by enforcing WSSA's capacities.

The assignment is expected to commence in **Dec 2017**, and the implementation period is around Eight (8) months.

The Central Tendering Department (CTD) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information

demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The short listing criteria are:

1. Experience in the field of the assignment. The firm should have a proven track record of previous experience of similar assignments in the same or related field. The consultant should have successfully completed similar assignments to design and installation of a Geographic Information System (GIS) for the Water Facilities (water supply and sewerage), and the training of staff on the best use of the system.
2. Availability of appropriate skills among staff and/or the ability to mobilize a diversified team of experts with appropriate knowledge and skills.

Determination of the similarity of the experiences will be based on:

- contracts size,
- the nature of services
- the technical area and expertise (Water and Sanitation management and operation),
- The location (MENA region and Palestine).

The Client will also take into account for the evaluation of the applications the following items:

- Skills and availability of in-house technical back-up experts provided to the on-site experts
- Local representatives/ partners

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Method** set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Among the submitted applications, the Palestinian Water Authority (PWA) will shortlist a maximum of 6 consultants, to whom the Request for Proposals to carry out the services shall be sent.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) not later than **12:00 am on 20 November 2017**

The address referred to above is:

Attention: Engr. Saeed Abu Zeid

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APPENDIX TO REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(format not to be altered)

Statement of Integrity, Eligibility and Social and Environmental Responsibility

Reference name of the RFP :

("Contract")

To: **Palestinian Water Authority**

("Contracting Authority")

1. We recognise and accept that *Agence française de développement* ("AFD") only finances projects of the Contracting Authority subject to its own conditions which are set out in the Financing Agreement which it has entered into with the Contracting Authority. As a matter of consequence, no legal relationship exists between AFD and our company, our joint venture or our subcontractors. The Contracting Authority retains exclusive responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the contract procurement and its subsequent performance.
2. We hereby certify that neither we nor any other member of our joint venture or any of our subcontractors are in any of the following situations:
 - 2.1) being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by the courts, having entered into receivership, reorganisation or being in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure;
 - 2.2) having been convicted, within the past five years by decision of a court decision, which has the force of *res judicata* in the country where the project is implemented, of one of the acts mentioned in sections 6.1 to 6.4 below or of any other offense committed during the procurement or performance of a contract¹;
 - 2.3) being listed for financial sanctions by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France for the purposes of fight-against-terrorist financing or threat to international peace and security;
 - 2.4) having committed serious professional misconduct within the past five years during the procurement or performance of a contract;
 - 2.5) not having fulfilled our obligations regarding the payment of social security contributions or taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of either the country where we are established or the Contracting Authority's country;
 - 2.6) having been convicted, within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of *res judicata*, of one of the acts mentioned in sections 6.1 to 6.4 below or of any other offense committed during the procurement or performance of an AFD-financed contract;
 - 2.7) being subject to an exclusion decision of the World Bank since 30 May 2012, and being listed on the website <http://www.worldbank.org/debarr>²;

¹ In the event of such conviction, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this conviction is not relevant in the context of this AFD-financed contract.

² In the event of such exclusion, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this exclusion is not relevant in the context of this AFD-financed contract.

- 2.8) having committed misrepresentation in documentation requested by the Beneficiary as part of the contract procurement procedure.
3. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our subcontractors are in any of the following situations of conflict of interest:
- 3.1) being an affiliate controlled by the Contracting Authority or a shareholder controlling the Contracting Authority, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;
 - 3.2) having a business or family relationship with a Contracting Authority's staff involved in the selection procedure or the supervision of the resulting contract, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;
 - 3.3) being controlled by or controlling another bidder or being under common control with another bidder, or receiving from or granting subsidies directly or indirectly to another bidder, having the same legal representative as another bidder, maintaining direct or indirect contacts with another bidder which allows us to have or give access to information contained in the respective bids, influencing them or influencing decisions of the Contracting Authority;
 - 3.4) being engaged in a consultancy activity, which, by its nature, may be in conflict with the assignments that we would carry out for the Contracting Authority;
 - 3.5) in the case of a works or goods procurement procedure:
 - i. having prepared or having been associated with a consultant who prepared specifications, drawings, calculations and other documentation that are subject of the bid;
 - ii. having been recruited (or being proposed to be recruited) ourselves or any of our affiliates, to carry out works supervision or inspection for this contract;
4. If we are a government-owned entity, we certify that we have legal and financial autonomy and that we operate under commercial laws and regulations.
5. We undertake to bring to the attention of the Contracting Authority, which will inform AFD, any change in situation with regard to points 2 to 4 here above.
6. In the context of procurement and performance of the contract:
- 6.1) We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) deliberately intended to deceive others, to intentionally conceal items, to violate or vitiate someone's consent, to make them circumvent legal or regulatory requirements and/or to violate their internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit.
 - 6.2) We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) contrary to our legal or regulatory obligations or our internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit.
 - 6.3) We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to (i) any person who holds a legislative, executive, administrative or judicial mandate within the State of the Contracting Authority regardless of whether that person was nominated or elected, regardless of the permanent or temporary, paid or unpaid nature of the position and regardless of the hierarchical level the person occupies, (ii) any other person who performs a public function, including for a State institution or a State-owned company, or who provides a public service, or (iii) any other person defined as a public officer by the national laws of the Contracting Authority, an undue advantage of any kind, for himself or for another person or entity, for such public officer to act or refrain from acting in his official capacity.
 - 6.4) We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to any private person who occupies an executive position in a private sector

entity or works for such an entity, regardless of the nature of his/her capacity, any undue advantage of any kind, for himself or another person or entity for such private person to perform or refrain from performing any act in breach of its legal, contractual or professional obligations.

6.5) We have not and we will not engage in any practice likely to influence the contract award process to the detriment of the Contracting Authority and, in particular, in any anti-competitive practice having for object or for effect to prevent, restrict or distort competition, namely by limiting access to the market or the free exercise of competition by other undertakings.

6.6) Neither we nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our subcontractors shall acquire or supply any equipment nor operate in any sectors under an embargo of the United Nations, the European Union or France.

6.7) We commit ourselves to comply with and ensure that all of our subcontractors comply with international environmental and labour standards, consistent with laws and regulations applicable in the country of implementation of the contract, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and international environmental treaties. Moreover, we shall implement environmental and social risks mitigation measures such as specified in the environmental and social management plan or, if appropriate, in the environmental and social impact assessment notice provided by the Contracting Authority.

7. We, as well as members of our joint venture and our subcontractors authorise AFD to inspect accounts, records and other documents relating to the procurement and performance of the Contract and to have them audited by auditors appointed by AFD.

Name: _____ In the capacity of _____

Signature: _____

Duly empowered to sign the proposal in the name and on behalf of³ _____

³ In case of joint venture, insert the name of the joint venture. The person who will sign the proposal on behalf of the members shall attach a power of attorney from all members.