

Additional information about the Contract Notice

Framework Agreements for Hydraulic Supplies and Works for Water Establishments (WE)

Location - Beirut and Mount Lebanon, North Lebanon, South Lebanon and Bekaa/ Lebanon

1. Nature of contract

Framework Agreement (for Unit Price Purchase Orders).

2. Programme title

WASH assistance to support water governance and public water and wastewater services in Lebanon for host and refugee communities

3. Financing

TF-MADAD/2021/T04.272

4. Eligibility and rules of origin

Participation is open to all natural persons who are nationals of and legal persons (participating either individually or in a grouping – consortium – of candidates/tenderers) which are effectively established in a Member State of the European Union or in a eligible country or territory as defined under the Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 establishing common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for external action (CIR) for the applicable instrument under which the contract is financed (see also heading 'Legal basis' below). Participation is also open to international organisations.

Under derogation approved by the EUD, supplies may originate from any country.

5. Candidature

All eligible natural and legal persons (as per item 4 above) or groupings of such persons (consortia) may apply.

A consortium may be a permanent, legally-established grouping or a grouping which has been constituted informally for a specific tender procedure. All partners of a consortium (i.e., the leader and all other partners) are jointly and severally liable to the contracting authority.

The participation of an ineligible natural or legal person will result in the automatic exclusion of that person. In particular, if that ineligible person belongs to a consortium, the whole consortium will be excluded.

6. Number of tenders

No more than one tender can be submitted by a natural or legal person whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or partner of a consortium submitting an application/tender). In the event that a natural or legal person submits more than one application or tender, all applications or tenders in which that person has participated will be excluded.

In case of lots, the candidates or tenderers may submit only one application or tender per lot. Contracts will be awarded lot by lot and each lot will form a separate contract.

Tenders for parts of a lot will not be considered. Tenderers may not submit a tender for a variant solution in addition to their tender for the works or supplies required in the tender dossier.

Any tenderer may state in its tender that it would offer a discount in the event that its tender is accepted for more than one lot.

7. Tender guarantee

No tender guarantee is required.

8. Performance guarantee

The successful tenderer will be asked to provide a performance guarantee of 10% of the amount of each Purchase Order (PO) initiated by each Request for Quotation (RFQ) under the Framework Agreement.

This guarantee must be provided together with the return of the approved PO no later than 5 days after the tenderer receives the PO from the contracting authority. If the selected tenderer fails to provide such a guarantee within this period, the PO will be void and a new PO may be drawn up and sent to the tenderer which has submitted the next cheapest compliant quotation.

9. Information meeting and/or site visit

An optional information meeting will be held on 12 September 2022. In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this clarification meeting will be held via video conferencing. Prospective tenderers interested to attend shall request the meeting link from the email address lb.prc.tdr@gvc.weworld.it by 09 September 2022.

10. Tender validity

Tenders must remain valid for a period of 3 months after the deadline for submission of tenders. In exceptional circumstances, the contracting authority may, before the validity period expires, request that tenderers extend the validity of tenders for a specific period.

11. Grounds for exclusion

Candidates or tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the application form or tender form, to the effect that they are not in any of the situations listed in Section 2.6.10.1 of the **practical guide (PRAG)**. Where the candidate or tenderer intends to rely on capacity providing entities or subcontractor(s), he/she must provide the same declaration signed by this/these entity(ies).

Candidates or tenderers included in the lists of EU restrictive measures (see Section 2.4. of the PRAG) at the moment of the award decision cannot be awarded the contract.

12. Sub-contracting

Sub-contracting is allowed.

13. Period of implementation of tasks

One (1) year from Framework Agreement signature, until the provisional acceptance or the last partial provisional acceptance if applicable.

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

14. Selection criteria

The selection criteria are described in section 12.2 of the instruction to tenderers.

15. Award criteria

Administrative and Financial eligibility, and Technical compliance.

TENDERING

16. How to obtain the tender dossier

The tender dossier can be received after sending a request by email to lb.prc.tdr@gvc.weworld.it, while providing vendor's full name, as well as full contact details.

Tenders must be submitted using the standard tender form included in the tender dossier, whose

format and instructions must be strictly observed.

Any request for additional information must be made in writing and addressed to the Contracting Authority at the following email address: lb.prc.tdr@gvc.weworld.it at the latest 21 days before the deadline for submission of tenders stated in section IV.2.2) of the contract notice. The contracting authority has no obligation to provide additional information after this date. The questions and answers will be published on the following websites: www.daleel-madani.org; www.weworld.it/en/calls-and-tenders. The websites will be updated regularly and it is the tenderer's responsibility to check for updates and modifications during the submission period.

17. Tender opening session

Date and time: 27 October 2022 - 10:30 am Beirut Local Time.

Place: We World-GVC office in Beirut

Address: Chahine Building, Second Floor, Alfred Street, Lebanese University Fine Arts main road

Town: Furn El Chebbak, Beirut

18. How tenders may be submitted

Tenders must be submitted in English exclusively to the contracting authority in a sealed envelope at the following address:

Organisation: We World – G.V.C.

Person in Charge: WW-GVC procurement officer

Address: Chahine Building, Second Floor, Alfred Street, Lebanese University Fine Arts main road

Town: Furn El Chebbak, Beirut

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 16:30 Beirut Local Time

Tenders must be submitted

- Either by post or by courier service, in which case the evidence shall be constituted by the postmark or the date of the deposit slip
- OR hand delivered by the participant in person or by an agent directly to the premises of the contracting authority in return for a signed and dated receipt, in which case the evidence shall be constituted by this acknowledgement of receipt.

Tenders submitted by any other means will not be considered.

By submitting a tender tenderers accept to receive notification of the outcome of the procedure by electronic means. Such notification shall be deemed to have been received on the date upon which the contracting authority sends it to the electronic address referred to in the tender form.

19. Deadline for submission of applications

The tenderer's attention is drawn to the fact that there are two different systems for sending applications: one is by post or private mail service, the other is by hand delivery.

In the first case, the tender must be sent before the date and time limit for submission, as evidenced by the postmark or deposit slip¹, but in the second case it is the acknowledgment of receipt given at the time of the delivery of the tender that will serve as proof.

The deadline for submission of tenders can be found in the Contract Notice under IV.2.2.

Any tender sent to the contracting authority after this deadline will not be considered.

20. Clarifications on the contract notice

Please refer to tender dossier.

21. Alteration or withdrawal of tenders

Tenderers may alter or withdraw their tenders by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of tenders. No tenders may be altered after this deadline.

Any such notification of alteration or withdrawal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance

¹ It is recommended to use registered mail in case the postmark would not be readable.

with precedent item. The outer envelope (and the relevant inner envelope if used) must be marked 'Alteration' or 'Withdrawal' as appropriate.

22. Language of the procedure

All written communications for this tender procedure and contract must be in English.

28. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action and ENI - See Annex A2 of the practical guide.

29. Additional information

Financial data to be provided by the candidate in the standard application form or the tenderer in the tender form must be expressed in USD. If applicable, where a candidate refers to amounts originally expressed in a different currency, the conversion to USD shall be made in accordance with the InforEuro exchange rate of the date of tender submission deadline, which can be found at the following address: <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/graphs/inforeuro.html>.