**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**(CONSULTANT SERVICES – SELECTION OF FIRMS)**

**Republic of Lebanon**

**Council for Development and Reconstruction**

**Water Supply Systems in Jabal Amel Region – Phase III**

**South - Lebanon**

**Water Supply**

**Consultancy for the Construction Supervision Services**

**Mode of Financing: *Istisnaa***

Financing No. LBN0089

The Government of Lebanon has received financing from Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) toward the cost of implementation of the Water Supply Systems in Jabal Amel Region – Phase III, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services.

Please refer to the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that appeared in main *Lebanese newspapers and in both CDR and IsDB website*, dated *23/1/2018*.

The services include the Supervision of the Construction works. The works include transmission lines, rehabilitation, extension and new water supply networks mainly in Bint Jbeil, Sour, Hasbaya and Marajeoun Cazas. Approximate total length of transmission lines and distribution lines is 965kms, in addition to water reservoirs for selected villages which are served from Taibe Water Treatment Plant, Wazzani river, and water wells systems within the current study area. The project will be implemented indicatively in two major packages; package one covers Bint Jbeil and Sour Cazas, and the other package covers Marajeoun and Hasbaya Cazas. The execution of the two packages will start in the first quarter of 2023 for a period of execution of 36 months and 12 months for the defects liability period.

The consultancy services include the provision of fulfilling the role of Engineer, to administer the construction contracts and to supervise the works to be performed. The objective will be to ensure that the works are carried out to a high standard of workmanship and materials, as scheduled and within budget, in accordance with the specifications and drawings of the Construction contracts, to acceptable environmental standards and in accordance with the Employers requirements.

The services are expected to commence in the first quarter of 2023 and extend to the end of the defects liability period/s for the Construction contracts.

A summary of the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment is as follow:

* Review of detailed construction drawings and performing any complementary or alternative designs deemed necessary for the proper execution of the project as determined by the consultant and/or the Client. To that end the consultant is urged to inspect carefully the tender documents already prepared by the design consultant
* Ensure that all documentation for land expropriation has been processed and undertake any additional expropriation or correction of expropriation documents that may arise during construction at no extra cost.
* Ensure that the contractor protects antiquities affected by construction works.
* Prepare, monitor and maintain cost estimates and planning schedules.
* Progress monitoring and reporting.
* Co-ordinate contractors.
* Manage Claims and variations.
* Certify contractor's payments.
* Ensure that as-built drawings, and operation and maintenance manuals, are prepared.
* Fulfil the role of Engineer and administer the construction contracts.
* Supervise the construction works.
* Supervise rectification of defects during defects liability period.
* Certify final completion of the contract

The Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR), Project’s implementing agency on behalf of the Government of Lebanon, now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide specific information which demonstrate that they are fully qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

Interested Consultants are requested to provide the following information:

* A duly signed Cover Letter stating the Interest of the Applicant in providing the mentioned services.
* A general and concise presentation of the firm(s) (brochures, statements of type, property, and key tasks etc...).
* Certified statements and balance sheets showing financial capabilities (turnovers, assets, liabilities, lines of credit etc.), for the lead and associated partners, and for the last five years for each.
* List of relevant similar Projects, ongoing and/or completed within the last 10 years, indicating the provided services, the percentage of participation in JV consortiums (if any), and the size of relevant contracts (in USD or equivalent and in Man-Months).
* Detailed descriptions of at least three (3) assigned similar Projects with similar Services.
* List of available professional key personnel for the envisaged Services (Water Treatment Plants Specialists, Civil, electro-mechanicals engineers, hydraulic and Hydraulic Structure Engineers etc...), showing briefly their key qualifications and experiences.
* Overall firm’s employees number, list of available personnel and structure (number, list, organization structure etc. of the core, backstopping and supporting staff).

Eligible firms, which have submitted the necessary statements in a satisfactory responsive way, will be evaluated. The short-listing criteria are:

1. the Consultant conforms with IsDB eligibility rules
2. the Consultant is expected to have wide work experience in the field of supervision and management of water supply and sanitation infrastructure projects
3. the Consultant’s experience of managing at least two projects of a similar nature and complexity comparable to the required services, implemented satisfactorily within the last 5 years
4. The Consultant should have experience in IsDB or other similar MDB funded projects with proven knowledge of FIDIC based and/or IsDB conditions of contract management.
5. the Consultant shall be free from conflicts of interest that give rise to a competitive advantage.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs, 1.23, and 1.24 of the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (the “Procurement Guidelines”), setting forth IsDB’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) limited to the IsDB member countries method set out in Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultant Services under IsDB Project Financing APRIL 2019.

Expression of Interest must be delivered to the address below not later than 12:00 noon, Beirut local time on **Wednesday August 10th, 2022**, mentioning as reference:

**“Water Supply Systems in Jabal Amel Region – Phase III**

**South - Lebanon**

**Expression of Interest for the Construction Supervision Services**

Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office working hours (from 8:00 to 13:00 Beirut local Time).

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