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SUBJECT : Pre-bid minutes of meeting:
Rehabilitation of Selected Road Links in Lebanon - Lot 1 (Lot 2 - Package 1A) & Lot 2 (Lot 2 - Package 1B)", located in the cazas of Alay and Chouf respectively RFB No: RE PW003-A and RE PW003-B. **REF.** : 1014/1

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Dear Sir,

In reference to the Tender related to the “**Rehabilitation of Selected Road Links in Lebanon - Lot 1 (Lot 2 - Package 1A) & Lot 2 (Lot 2 - Package 1B)**”, located in the cazas of Alay and Chouf respectively (RFB No: RE PW003-A and RE PW003-B).

Please find attached the related Pre-bid minutes of meeting.

These minutes are considered an integral part of the bidding document.

Yours faithfully

**Council for Development
and Reconstruction**

**Nabil El Jisr
President**

**Rehabilitation of Selected Road Links in Lebanon - Lot 1
(Lot 2 - Package 1A) & Lot 2 (Lot 2 - Package 1B)**

RFB No: RE PW003-A, Lot 1: Caza of Alay

RFB No: RE PW003-B, Lot 2: Caza of Chouf

Employer: The Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR)

Project: Roads and Employment Project

Country: Lebanon

Loan No. / Grant No.: 8705-LB /TF0A4481

PRE BID MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

BEIRUT, June 15th 2023

Attendance:

Representatives from the Employer: Council for Development and Reconstruction:

Eng. Elias Helou (Project Director)

Eng. Simon Moawad (Procurement Specialist)

Mrs. Rita Stephan (Environmental and Social specialist)

Representatives from the Design Consultant:

1. Dar El Handassah (Nazih Taleb & Partners)

Eng. Elie Imad

Representatives from following Bidders:

Al Bonyan for Engineering and Contracting

Mrs. Zeinab Abou Taan

Etablissement Rouchaid El Khazen

Mr. Charles Daher

Nassim Abou Habib pour L'Industrie et les Entreprises s.a.l.

Eng. Souheil Abou Habib

NICOLAS SROUJI ESTABLISHMENT FOR CONTRACTING

Mrs. Nada Hajj

Entreprises A.R. Hourie S.A.L.

Mr. Jihad Khoury

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The Meeting was held at the Offices of the Council for Development and Reconstruction in Tallet El Saray – Beirut at 10.00 A.M. on the 15th of June 2023.

Mr. Elias Helou from the CDR presided the meeting, welcomed the attendance and acknowledged the receipt of a Clarification Request submitted by a Tenderer which is addressed in this document.

Engineer Elias Helou of CDR presented a briefing describing the project components and a briefing of the Main RFB clauses, and the ESMP included in Tender documents. Mr. Helou explained extensively the main topics related to the implementation of the ESMP and the Road Safety measures within these projects. Engineer Elias Helou shared with the attendees the content of Clause 44 (Subclause 44.7) of the General Conditions of Contract “Payment Certificates” related to withholding and deducting payments within these contracts especially when Contractors fail to abide by the set safeguards (ESMP, TMP, OH&S).

Mr. Helou emphasized on the issue related to the necessity for the Bidders to submit CVs for qualified Key Personnel on site as stipulated in Tender Documents, specifically for the Environmental, Occupational Health and Safety, Social and Road Safety Experts, in order not to delay the process of finalizing the bid evaluation report to be prepared by the appointed Bid Evaluation Committee.

Mr. Helou stated that according to the Preamble to Bills of Quantities (Volume 3), single rates should be adopted for same items in the BOQ for the different roads within each Lot. Otherwise, CDR will adopt the lowest price for similar items in the same Lot.

Mr. Helou stated that the Bidders shall price the Bill of Quantities related to all sections (fixed and optional parts). According to the availability of funds and Budget in each Lot. CDR reserves the right to cancel the works related to the optional part prior to signature. No claim shall be considered due to the cancellation of the optional part of the works.

Mr. Helou stated that for these two contracts, the Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR), an implementing agency of the Borrower, shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank’s Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing. The Borrower will pay the Contractor the certified amounts related to the submitted monthly statements, covering only the periods ending on the Loan Closing Date.

Mrs. Rita Stephan of CDR explained extensively the main issues related to the implementation of the ESMP within these projects.

The following points were raised by the bidders and answered by CDR.

1. Would **Price Adjustment** be applicable to the rates and prices quoted by the Bidder during the performance of the Contract?

CDR Answer: Price adjustment provisions are not applicable in these two contracts.

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2. Regarding the bidding documents to be submitted; should all pages of all sections be printed, stamped, signed, and submitted (Drawings, Technical Specifications, Section X including the forms to be filled after the tender is awarded, etc.). In the case that not all pages should be printed and submitted; kindly specify the sections required to be submitted as part of the bidding process.

CDR Answer: the bidders need to submit One Original and One Copy as required in Tender documents, including Volume 4.

3. To confirm the type of material for the Sign Supports (Aluminum or Galvanized steel pipe posts).

CDR Answer: Section 6.11.02 -C 2 of the technical specifications includes the following:

“Pipe posts shall be hot dipped galvanized according to ASTM A 123 after yielding holes are drilled or punched with an absolute minimum outside diameter of 73 mm according to ASTM A 120.”

Accordingly, we confirm that the material of pipe posts support shall be galvanized steel according to ASTM A 123.

4. To confirm the type of low voltage cable (Armoured or non armoured in ducts).

CDR Answer: Description of Item 7.1 a of the bill of quantities includes the following: “Supply and install Low voltage cables 4x16 mm², copper conductors, PVC insulated, PVC sheathed, armoured, to be laid in trenches or in ducts when crossing, excluding trenches”. In addition, the tender drawing reference DET-EI-171 includes the typical sections for LV cable laid in trenches and for LV cable crossing road (in ducts).

Accordingly, the type of low voltage cable shall be Armoured type as per technical specifications and tender drawings.

5. The tender drawing reference Det-Geo-101 shows two types of Gutter (named Gutter Type A & Gutter Type B) where In the Bill of Quantities (Item 6.3) the type of Gutter is not specified. To clarify the type of Gutter to be adopted.

CDR Answer: Contractor is requested to provide one of the two types shown in the drawing mentioned above as per Engineer direction. Noting that the two types of gutters have approximately the same cross section areas.

6. To clarify the Percentage of basalt aggregates to be used in the asphalt wearing course.

CDR Answer:

The percentage of basalt aggregates to be used in the mix design of asphalt wearing course shall be according to the technical specifications section 4.01.03 which include the following:

“For the asphalt wearing course with aggregate mixes including basalt aggregates in addition to the limestone aggregates, the several aggregate fractions shall be sized, uniformly graded, and combined in such proportions that the proportions of basalt

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and the limestone in the coarse fraction of the aggregates meet the following grading requirement:

The aggregate mix *shall comprise of 48% basalt* and 52% limestone for coarse aggregate portions only. No basalt is required in the fine aggregate or mineral filler”.

7. To clarify if an ambiguity is noticed by the bidder during the tender process, between drawings and specifications.

CDR Answer: In case of difference between drawings and specifications, the specifications shall govern.