

RFB: Damaged Roads Clearing and Restoration in South Lebanon (Nabatiyeh Caza)

RFB Reference No.: LEAP-SW4-Nabatiyeh

Employer: The Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR)

Project: Roads and Employment Project

Country: Lebanon

Loan No. : 9841-LB

PRE-BID MEETING

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BEIRUT, August 26th 2026**

Attendance:

Representatives from the Employer: Council for Development and Reconstruction:

- Eng. Simon Moawad (Senior Procurement Expert)
- Engineer Hani Oubari (Senior Infrastructure Engineer)

Representatives from following Bidders:

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

- Eng. Souheil Abou Habib

Hammoud Establishment for Contracting and Trading

- Mr. Ali Ismail

Water Resources and Development Co. s.a.r.l. (WARD)

- Mr. Omar Al Kadri
- Mr. Ahmad Mouazzen

Yamen Establishment for General Trading and Contracting

- Mr. Wiam El Irani

HICON s.a.r.l.

- Mr. Nabil Shehadeh
- Mr. Jihad Eid

Saba Makhoul Establishment for Trading and Contracting s.a.r.l.

- Mr. Charbel Nicolas

Hanna Khoury and Brothers for Trade and General Contracting Co. s.a.r.l.

- Mr. Imad Khoury

Rouchaid El Khazen Establishment for Contracting

- Mr. Tony Abi Raad

ICC

- Mr. Ghadi Rafah

Danash for Contracting and Trading s.a.r.l.

- Mr. Moatafa Hammoud
- Mr. Riad Hammoud
- Mr. Adnan Fares

Al Bonyan for Engineering and Contracting

- M/S. Rayan Moussawi

South For Contracting (SFC)

- Mr. Talal Zorkot
- M/S. Marie- Claire Fakhri
- Mr. Riad Al Assaad

C.E.T.

- Mr. Nazih Morcos

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 26th of August 2026.

Eng. Simon Moawad and Eng. Hani Oubari from CDR presided the meeting, welcomed the attendance and acknowledged the receipt of Clarifications Request submitted by the Tenderers which are addressed in this document.

Eng. Simon Moawad and Eng. Hani Oubari (from CDR) presented a comprehensive briefing covering the project components, key Request for Bids (RFB) clauses, and the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) incorporated in the bidding documents. They detailed the implementation protocols for the ESMP and the OHS required for project execution.

Implementation Framework & Work Orders

- **Site Selection & Approval:** Road restoration activities will target specific segments selected in coordination with the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) and respective local municipalities. The exact locations will be formally detailed, approved by MPWT and the municipalities, and issued to CDR as official work orders.
- **Notice to Commence & Mobilization:** Following contract signing, CDR will issue the Notice to Commence in accordance with the contract terms and conditions. The issuance of work orders will enable contractors to finalize their mobilization plans, executed in coordination with the Lebanese Army (LA) and the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH).

Bidding & Pricing Terms

- **BoQ Pricing:** Bidders must price all items in the Bill of Quantities (BoQ) regardless of the precise locations of the road restoration works.
- **Location Allocation:** CDR reserves the full right to designate work locations during contract implementation based on work orders issued by MPWT and relevant municipalities. No financial or administrative claims regarding location assignments will be entertained.

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

Question 1:

With reference to Section II. Bidding Data Sheet, ITB 7.1, "Clarification of Bid purposes"

With regards to the invitation for Bid mentioned for the above project, you are kindly requested to clarify the following:

With reference to Volume 1, Section III, Clause 4, Subclause 4.1(a):

"Experience under construction contracts in the role of prime contractor, JV member, subcontractor, or management contractor for Road works and/or civil works".

- Should the Subcontractor be Nominated as Subcontractor with CDR or other Public Authorities (like Ministry of Public Works or others)?
- What are the needed documents to proof that a Subcontractor is nominated as a Subcontractor?

CDR Answer:

A Subcontractor is **not required** to have been officially "nominated" by CDR or another Public Authority prior to bidding. Experience as a standard subcontractor on public or private works contracts is fully acceptable, provided it was executed legally and under a formally executed subcontract agreement.

To prove subcontractor experience, the Bidder must submit:

1. A copy of the formal **Subcontract Agreement** signed with the Main Contractor.
2. A **Certificate of Completion** or **Taking-Over Certificate** issued or endorsed by the Employer/Owner, Main Contractor, confirming the scope, value, and successful completion of the subcontracted works.
3. Proof of official approval/non-objection of the subcontractor by the Employer/Project Engineer for that specific project (if required under that project's contract conditions).
4. A copy of contract registration at the Ministry of Finance for contracts implemented in Lebanon.

Question 2:

Regarding **Subclause 4.2 – Criteria for "Similar Project"**:

What criteria will be considered when determining whether a previous project qualifies as a "similar project" (nature/type, size/value, technical complexity, EHS/traffic management)?

CDR Answer:

Similarity will be evaluated against the following criteria:

**COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION
BEIRUT - LEBANON**

- **Nature and Type of Works:** Road works involving clearing, earthworks, asphalt paving, drainage, retaining structures, or road rehabilitation/ Road maintenance works.
- **Size and Value:** The contract must have a completed/substantially completed value of at least **USD 5,000,000** (or equivalent) within the last 10 years (since January 1, 2016).

Question 3:

Regarding the Bank Certificate, please note that the required form was not attached to the tender documents, and the required duration is not mentioned. Could you please clarify the required duration and provide the form we should use?

CDR Answer:

There is no mandatory pre-printed form required for the Bank Certificate.

The Bidder must submit an official certificate issued by a recognized bank explicitly stating that the Bidder **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 at USD 2,000,000 (Two Million US Dollars) net of the Bidder's other commitments, including current tenders under LEAP.**

The certificate must be current, valid at the time of bid submission.

Question 4:

Regarding the Form of Bid Security, kindly confirm that the duration is 118 days as mentioned in the "Public Procurement Authority" announcement.

CDR Answer:

It is confirmed. The required validity duration for the Bid Security is 118 days from the bid submission deadline date.

Question 5:

Regarding the question raised about whether the equipment required in Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, Item 5 (Equipment) is needed?

CDR Answer:

It is confirmed that the list of equipment required in the RFB-section III is needed.

Question 6:

Does the required Insurance Policy need to cover war risks and war-related activities?

CDR Answer:

War risk coverage is **not required** under the terms of the insurance policies for this tender. All insurance policies shall comply with the standard terms and conditions specified in the Bidding Documents, excluding coverage for war risks, acts of hostilities, and civil commotion.

Question 7:

Stamp Duty Requirement – Letter of Bid Form:

A firm representative noted that, in line with Lebanese Law 324/2024, a stamp duty of 1,000,000 LBP must be paid for Public Tenders, and therefore Form TECH-1 should be completed, stamped (1,000,000 LBP), and signed.



**COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION
BEIRUT - LEBANON**

He asked whether payment via WISH with the receipt included in the proposal would be acceptable. Are there any other stamps to be affixed?

CDR Answer:

Yes, payment of the 1,000,000 LBP stamp duty via Wish with the official receipt attached to Form TECH-1 is acceptable. No additional stamps are required to be affixed.

Question 8:

How should bidders prepare and submit the required work schedule, given that specific roads have not yet been selected for this contract?

CDR Answer:

Bidders are required to prepare and submit their work schedule based strictly on the parameters, estimated quantities, timeframes, and general scope of work outlined in the Request for Bids (RFB) documents. Specific site allocations and finalized road lists will be issued during implementation, but the submitted schedule must reflect the implementation logic and performance capacity required by the RFB.

Question 9:

Where should the excess excavated materials and road fills or existing rubble material resulting from contract activities be stockpiled or disposed of?

CDR Answer:

The Contractor is fully responsible for identifying and securing suitable stockpiling and disposal sites. Prior to any stockpiling or disposal, the Contractor must coordinate with relevant local municipalities and public authorities to obtain all required permissions, approvals, and environmental clearances, while maintaining strict compliance with the ESMP.

Question 10:

In Pilot zones do you plan to include provisional sum for the damaged infrastructure?

CDR Answer:

Yes, a provisional sum is already included in the bidding documents, and an increase is not required at this time. Note that the immediate scope of work focuses on laying an asphalt layer as an urgent response measure to quickly restore village access.

Question 11:

Is the Occupational Health and Safety Expert required to be part-time or full-time?

CDR Answer:

A part-time assignment is required for the Occupational Health and Safety Expert. However, the contractor must fully abide by Appendix I (CDR Safety, Health & Environment Regulations) regarding the Safety Officer.

48

Y.M.