

Invitation for Bids

Country: **Republic of Armenia**

Project Name: **Irrigation System Modernization Project (ISMP)**

EDB Credit: **Date of signing 16.10.2015**

Contract Title: **“Construction of Gravity Irrigation System under the Irrigation System Modernization Project” (Package 3, comprising of 2 lots)**

Reference No.: **ISMP/NCB/CW-17/003**

1. The Republic of Armenia has received financing from the **Eurasian Fund for Stabilization and Development (Anti-Crisis Fund)** toward the cost of the **Irrigation System Modernization Project (ISMP)**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contracts for **“Construction of Nor-Geghi, Nor-Artamet and Ptghni Gravity Irrigation Schemes”, ISMP/NCB/CW-17/003-1 (Lot 1) and “Construction of Nor-Kharberd Gravity Irrigation Scheme”, ISMP/NCB/CW-17/003-2 (Lot 2)**. These contracts will be jointly financed by the Eurasian Development Bank and Government of the Republic of Armenia. Bidding process will be governed by the Eurasian Development Bank according to World Bank’s rules and procedures (*Guidelines for “Procurement of goods, works, and non-consulting services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers”, January 2011, revised as of July, 2014*).

2. The **“Water Sector Projects Implementation Unit” SA (WSPIU SA)** now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following works: **earth works; concrete works, pipes; pipe fittings; metal constructions; insulation works etc (as per BOQs)**.

The construction sites are located at

Lot#1:

-Nor-Geghi and Nor-Artamet gravity irrigation schemes (on the distance of 26km from Yerevan; central part of RA Kotayk marz, in the vicinity of Nor Geghi and Nor Artamet communities; nearby settlements – Nor Geghi and Nor Artamet)

- Ptghni gravity irrigation scheme (on the distance of 15km from Yerevan; central part of RA Kotayk marz, in the vicinity of Yerevan-Sevan highway; nearby settlements – Yerevan, Ptghni and Abovyan)

Lot#2:

-Nor Kharberd gravity irrigation scheme (on the distance of 8km from the center of Yerevan; eastern parts of Erebuni and administrative district of Yerevan city)

The duration of construction works: **Lot#1 -15 (fifteen) months and Lot#2 - 18 (eighteen) months.**

Qualifications requirements include (but not limited to*):

➤ **Minimum average annual construction turnover, calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed within the last 3 (three) years (2015-2017), divided by 3 (three) is:**

-Lot#1: AMD 1,117,000,000 (or its equivalent in freely convertible currency); and

-Lot#2: AMD 1,123,000,000 (or its equivalent in freely convertible currency)

➤ **The Bidder shall demonstrate that it 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 as:**

-Lot#1: AMD 124,000,000 (or its equivalent in freely convertible currency) net of the Bidders other commitments; and

-Lot#2: AMD 125,000,000 (or its equivalent in freely convertible currency) net of the Bidders other commitments

➤ Participation in at least 1 (one) contract for each lot as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor between 1st January 2013 and application submission deadline, that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed in construction of irrigation systems (such as water intakes, main and secondary canals, diversion canals, irrigation pipeline):

-Lot#1: with a value of at least AMD 745,000,000 (or its equivalent in freely convertible currency); and

-Lot#2: with a value of at least AMD 900,000,000 (or its equivalent in freely convertible currency)

➤ Participation in the above and in any other contracts completed and/or under implementation as prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor during the period stipulated between 1st January 2013 and application submission deadline, with a minimum construction experience in the following key activity successfully completed:

Lot#1:

-Earthworks: at least 15,000m³ (in any year within the period stated above);

-Pipeline: at least 11,000m with minimum pipe diameter 250mm (in any year within the period stated above).

Lot#2:

-Earthworks: at least 35,600m³ (in any year within the period stated above);

-Pipeline: at least 8,700m with minimum pipe diameter 500mm (in any year within the period stated above).

The required key activity for each type of works (earth works and pipeline) may be demonstrated in one or more contracts (no more than three) combined if executed during same time period.

To be qualified for two lots (contracts), Bidders must meet the sum of requisites of two lots (contracts).

A margin of preference for eligible national contractors/joint ventures **shall not be** applied.

**More details for qualification requirements are provided in the Bidding Document (Section III. Qualification Criteria and Requirements).*

Bidders may bid for one or two lots (contracts), as further defined in the Bidding Document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one contract will be allowed to do so, provided those discounts are included in the Letter of Bid.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers [January 2011, revised as of July 2014]* ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from **WSPIU SA office (Mr.Hovsep Zargaryan – Planning and Design Engineer. Tel:(+37494) 630-600; email: hzargaryan@wsdp.am)** and inspect the bidding documents during office hours **10:00 to 17:00** at the address given below.

5. A complete set of bidding documents (**in electronic format**) in **Armenian** may be obtained by interested eligible bidders free of charge upon the submission of a written application* to the address below. **By request of the Bidders unofficial English translation of the Bidding Documents will be provided.**

In case of any discrepancy between the Armenian version and unofficial English translation of the Bidding Documents, the Armenian version shall prevail. In any case the language of the bids is Armenian.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **August 30, 2018; 16:00 (Yerevan time)**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on **August 30, 2018; 16:10 (Yerevan time)**.

7. All bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security (Bank Guarantee)** in amount of:
- **Lot#1: AMD 27,900,000.00 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of RA as of Bid Security issuance date.**
- **Lot#2: AMD 33,700,000.00 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of RA as of Bid Security issuance date.**

8. The address referred to above is:

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