

# **REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS**

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**Karak Wastewater Treatment Plant**

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**1 Introduction**

The Government of the Hashimite Kingdom of Jordan has arranged finance from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany through the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) towards the costs for implementation of the Karak and Kofranja Wastewater Projects. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this finance are to be applied for the upgrading of the Karak Wastewater Treatment Plant. KfW retains certain approval rights, including approval of the contractor(s) selected. However, KfW will not be a party to the contract.

Therefore, the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ), invites competent contractors, joint ventures or consortiums to submit pre-qualification information for construction of the projects described below. The submitted information will be used to determine a shortlist of prequalified tenderers in accordance with the procedures and conditions set out in these Prequalification Documents.

**2 Project Summary**

The wastewater treatment capacity is to be upgraded to 8,000m<sup>3</sup>/d. The scale of the upgrading is such that the process units will be completely new. The new process units will be implemented in parallel with the existing units so that the existing treatment plant can continue to be operated by WAJ while the new works are under construction. On completion, the flows will be diverted to the new works and the existing process units will be taken out of operation. The contractor will then be responsible for operation of the new treatment plant for a period of 24 months, during which time the WAJ operations staff will be trained by the contractor to eventually take of operational responsibility.

The contract will include the following main components:

**Main Treatment:**

Inlet with screened storm overflow and retention tank;

Septage acceptance station;

2 no. medium screens followed by 2 no. fine screens, with emergency by-pass;

Flow measurement;

2 no. constant velocity grit channels, with automatic sampler on outlet;

Activated sludge biological treatment, including nitrogen removal:

Sand filtration & disinfection.

**Sludge Treatment:**

Sludge thickener;

Sludge drying beds;

Mechanical dewatering;

#### **Other Facilities**

Existing Administration Building, providing kitchen, laboratory and staff facilities.

Extension of buildings, to provide control room, workshop and Storage Building;

Existing power supply, to be upgraded.

Option turbine for energy recovery on effluent pipeline.

### **3 Project Procurement**

Competitive Bidding procedures will be implemented to select the successful contractor for contract package noted above. The contract will include procurement and installation of all materials, supplies, equipment (mechanical, electrical, and electronic), civil and building construction, testing and commissioning of the facilities, and maintenance and operations support, including operator and management training during the contract defects liability period of 12 months from the date of issue of the certificate of completion of each contract package and thereafter a further 12 month making a total period of 24 months.

A two phase procurement procedure will be employed for the selection of the contractor for the contract package, comprising:

1<sup>st</sup> Phase: request for and submission by interested qualified Applicants of the Prequalification Questionnaire. The Government Tender Directorate will evaluate all information supplied and those successful Applicants determined to be Qualified will be eligible to receive tender documents and participate in Phase 2.

2nd Phase: submission by the Qualified Bidders of a complete Tender Package for individual contracts. The tender package will comprise technical offer and financial offer. The tender will comprise Instructions to Tenderers, Information to Tenderers, Conditions of Contract, Special Conditions of Contract, Bills of Quantities, General Tender Specifications, Special Tender Specifications, Tender Drawings, and other Documents and Project Information, including any supplementary information that may be required or necessary. The contract will be awarded to the responsive, responsible, prequalified bidder, who submits the most attractive tender price, with acceptable Technical Offer, Tender Bonds, Performance Bond confirmations and Insurance provision confirmations.

### **4 Eligible Applicants**

MWI/WAJ now requests eligible Applicants to prequalify for the performance of the contracts as detailed herein. Applicants should attempt to prequalify based on their Financial and Economic soundness, experience, and resources availability.

Applicants may apply for prequalification if none of the following reasons for exclusion apply:

- Participation of an applicant is ruled out by sanctions issued by the UN Security Council.
- The applicant is or was involved as a consultant in the preparation or implementation of the project. The same applies to an enterprise or an individual that is closely connected to the bidder under a company group or a similar business link, or to several enterprises or individuals associated correspondingly.
- Failure to submit a declaration of undertaking in the form provided in the Questionnaire.
- The applicant is legally barred from the procurement process in Jordan on the grounds of previous violations of regulations on fraud and corruption.
- The applicant or subcontractors to be contracted for considerable portions of the contract are enterprises economically intertwined with the contracting agency in Jordan and/or state controlled enterprises that are legally or financially independent.

If any of the above reasons are found to apply, the application will be rejected.

The selected bidder will be the entity contractually responsible for the complete construction of the individual contract, and who will enter into a direct contract with the Contracting Agency.

Prequalification applications from combinations of firms, as Joint Ventures or Consortia's, will be acceptable, providing that a legal Joint Venture (JV) or a Consortium Agreement is established, and that each JV partner or Consortium Partner recognizes that it will be individually capable and contractually responsible (jointly and severally liable) for completion of the project should the leader or a partner fail or retire from the contract for any reason.

The Leader of a Joint Venture or Consortium has to be named in the prequalification documents to be submitted by the applicant. The participation of the Leader in the contract shall be at least 30%.

The applicant shall indicate the subcontracting amount.

The applicant shall indicate in case of a Joint Venture or a Consortium the participation (in percentage) of each Partner and of the Leader. The evaluation will be accordingly to that indicated percentile participation.

The Prequalification is limited to:

- Jordanian contractors classification in wastewater treatment plants
- Joint Ventures, which have at least one Jordanian Joint Venture Partner or one Jordanian subcontractor
- Consortium, which have at least one Jordanian Consortium Partner or one Jordanian subcontractor
- Single Applicants, which have at least one Jordanian subcontractor.

Jordanian contractors, subcontractors or partners listed in any application, are limited to:

- Classified in wastewater treatment plants

- one or more firms, in joint venture or consortium classified First Grade in water and sewerage works and a Jordanian First Grade classified in Electro-mechanical works

## 5 Project Schedule

Prequalification Schedule is as in the invitation.

Works will be expected to start in the fourth quarter of 2013 and to be complete within a period of 24 months from the date of issue of the Notice to Proceed.

The Defects Liability Period will be 12 months from the date of issue of the Substantial Completion Certificate.

## 6 Prequalification Process

Each individual applicant will bear all costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submittal of the prequalification documentation, including any supplemental information that may be provided or requested. In no case will the Contracting Agency, KFW, or Dorsch Consult are liable for such costs, expenses, or losses relating to the submission of the prequalification information, regardless of the conduct or outcome of Phase 1 or 2 of this prequalification or tender process.

The contracting agency reserves the right to reject any or all tenders, or prequalification information, to waive any informality in the documents, and to accept any tenders, in whole or in part, that are in the best interests of the Contracting Agency.

If any Applicant knowingly misrepresents any information, this may be ground to reject the Applicant from any prequalification process, tender process, or from an award of the contract, or the contract itself.

Applicants are solely responsible for any investigations of any nature that may be required to establish any issue relating to the prequalification or performance requirement of the contract.

The successful bidder shall have complete control of their subcontractor(s), and be responsible for all of the contract resource management, means, methods, techniques, sequences, duration, and procedures for construction and for the design of their own temporary construction works, and for the provision and implementation of all safety and environmental protection requirements, as required for execution of the contract works.

The selection of prequalified applicants and the successful bidder by the tender Directorate, with the approval of KFW will be final and not subject to any kind of protest or appeal.

## 7 Anti-Corruption Provision

No payment, consideration, offer, or benefit of any kind constituting an illegal or corrupt practice shall be made, directly or indirectly, and an inducement or reward for supporting prequalification or for award of any contract in this project. Any such conduct will be grounds for cancelling the applicant's prequalification or tender submission or contract award, and may initiate other civil or criminal (or both) actions against the applicant or any individual, as may be applicable.