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**Georgia-Tbilisi: EIB - Georgia - Water infrastructure modernization project
2018/S 025-052296**

Promoter: United Water Supply Company of Georgia

Redesign and Supervision of Rehabilitation Works for KUTAISI WASTE WATER PROJECT

No: EIB/KUTAISI/CS/QCBS/01

1. **Name, address, telephone and fax numbers of the contracting authority:**
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2. **Procedure:**
Restricted international tender.
3. **Type: notice of a Call for Expressions of Interest:**
Companies who wish to apply for inclusion in the list are invited to do so in accordance with the provisions contained in this notice. The UWSCG will include in the list all those applications which meet the criteria given in points 7, 8 and 10.1 and 10.2 below.
4. **Description of the fields of expertise and services covered by the call for Expressions of Interest:**
Georgia (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has received a loan from the European Investment Bank (hereinafter referred to as "the Bank") – towards the cost of the Kutaisi Waste Water Project. This international call for expression of interest relates to the service contract for redesign and supervision of works of the sewerage system and wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in Kutaisi.
This assignment comprises 2 stages:
 - i— The first stage considers preparation of designs and tender documents for 3 construction contracts (Red FIDIC) concerning rehabilitation and extension of the Kutaisi sanitary sewerage system (approximately 360 km of rehabilitated and/or new main and secondary or tertiary sewers, including separation from storm sewerage system), and one (1) design-build (Yellow FIDIC) contract concerning new wastewater treatment plant for Kutaisi (210 000 PE) with demolition of the existing plant which is not operated.
 - ii— The second stage aims at carrying out the day-to-day construction supervision of the above project components co-financed by the EIB. The supervision shall be implemented under the FIDIC rules.The total cost of the project is estimated by the promoter at 280 000 000 EUR, of which the Kutaisi components amount to 100 000 000 EUR. Other components are financed by the Asian Development Bank, and are not subject matters of this call for expression of interest. The financial structure of the project is as follows:
 - Financing million EUR: EIB loan
 - Financing million EUR: 100 000 000, Sewerage system and WWTP in Kutaisi
 - Total investment cost million EUR: 280
 - Financing million EUR: ADB Tranche 2
 - Financing million EUR: 172 million, Water supply system in Kutaisi, water and sanitation measures in other municipalities in Kutaisi region
 - Total investment cost million EUR: 280
 - Financing million EUR: NIF

- Financing million EUR: 4.75 million, WWTP Kutaisi
- Total investment cost million EUR: 280
- Financing million EUR: EPTATF
- Financing million EUR: 3.25 million, Contribution to financing of this service contract
- Total investment cost million EUR: 280

The specific objectives provided in this assignment are:

- Design of wastewater network and core transition collectors fully compliant with EN 752, 1610, 476 and associated EU and Georgian standards (sanitary collectors and sewers, taking into consideration ground water and rain water infiltration),
- Design of Kutaisi WWTP in line with the employer's requirements, EU sector directives, EU and Georgian standards, and outline design of the WWTP,
- Consistent and logic tender dossiers based on the EIB procurement rules,
- Assisting the UWSCG during the prequalification and tender evaluation for works contracts,
- High quality of construction (permanent works) in adherence to the international and Georgian standards, best available technology (BAT), and the best engineering practice (BEP),
- Checking of any designs provided by the Contractors under the works contracts for compliance with the required standards, BAT & BEP,
- Completion of works in accordance with approved works schedules and budgets,
- Preparation of employer's claims,
- Provide high quality supervision services,
- Support the contracting authority in timely and fair payment of the Contractors,
- Assist the contracting authority in any claims that may arise,
- Prepare manuals, provide technical assistance and support to the UWSCG; and,
- Prepare reports.

The consultant shall have a strong and experienced team of professionals, including but not limited to: Supervision engineers with FIDIC experience, Civil engineers, Mechanical engineers, Electrical and SCADA Engineers, and Geotechnical engineer. The requirements will be provided in the tender documents.

The consultant should have a sound knowledge of the local legislation concerning design and construction.

It is recommended that the consultancy team includes experts with local experience in Georgia or in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) country, and experts who are able to obtain local licenses and permits for design and supervision services, as applicable, and will be able to communicate in the local languages (Georgian or Russian). Evidence of registrations and licences required by the law of the country for the consultant and/or its experts, as applicable, shall be required prior to signature of the service contract.

The consultant shall consider the prospective peaks of the design and construction activities and ensure the adequacy of staff levels during such periods.

The United Water Supply Company of Georgia invites authorized consulting companies to express their interest in conducting the above mentioned services. Interested consultants should submit their application to demonstrate that they are qualified in the fields of above-mentioned services. Information shall be submitted in Standard Forms available upon request from the UWSCG, Ms Nino Gvenetadze, email address n.gvenetadze@water.gov.ge, and Mr Giorgi Darsadze, e-mail address: g.darsadze@water.gov.ge.

Clarifications if any may be requested no later than 15 calendar days prior to the submission deadline and shall be responded no later than 7 calendar days prior to the submission date. The clarification will be distributed to all firms who notified the promoter about their interest to submit an EoI.

Consultants will be short-listed in accordance with the restricted procedures for consultancy services specified in the EIB's Guidelines: Guide to procurement, June 2011. The short list shall comprise from 5 to 8 candidates.

No more than one application can be submitted by legal person whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or member of a consortium submitting an application). In the event that legal person submits more than one application, all applications in which that person has participated will be excluded.

There are no eligibility restrictions; all firms are invited to participate in the tender. The EIB shall not provide finance, directly or indirectly, to or for the benefit of, award a contract under any EIB Project to, or enter into any relationship with, an individual or entity who is subject to financial sanctions imposed by the European Union pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title V of the Treaty on European Union or article 215 of the treaty on the functioning of the European Union, either autonomously or pursuant to the financial sanctions decided by the United Nations Security Council on the basis of article 41 of the UN Charter.

5. **Place and duration for services to be provided:**

The period of implementation of the contract will be 72 months: 12 months is for Task 1 - Re-Design and 60 months is for Task 2 – Construction Supervision (48-month supervision of construction works plus 12 month for defect liability period).

Maximum budget available for the assignment is 7 020 500 EUR without VAT.

6. **Procedures for delivery, dispatch and submission of applications, including all the information, formalities and documents referred to in point 8:**

Expressions of Interest must quote the reference number of this notice, and the information and documentation requested in points 7.2 and 8 must be included. Candidates may elect to submit their Expression of Interest:

1— by recorded delivery (courier or registered postal service), delivery to be no later than March 09, 2018 (17:00 Local time), to the address in point 1;

Or

2— by hand-delivering it to the secretariat of the department in point 1 (in person or by any representative of the candidate) no later than 9.3.2018 (17:00 Local time). Delivery of the expression of interest will be established in this case by a dated receipt signed by an official from the department in point 1 who takes delivery of the documents.

Or

3— Sending by E-mail at n.gvenetadze@water.gov.ge

And /or g.darsadze@water.gov.ge no later than 9.3.2018 (17:00 Local time).

In case of recorded or hand delivery the Consultant shall submit one original and one copy of the Expression of Interests (EOI) in sealed envelope and marked as follows:

- name and address of the candidate,
- name and reference number of this notice,
- address of the UWSCG.

Candidates may alter or withdraw their applications by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of EOIs. No application may be altered after this deadline.

All written communications for the selection procedure and contract must be in English language.

7. 7.1 Exclusion criteria:

Candidates will be disqualified from taking part in this contract if they:

a— are bankrupt or being wound up, if their affairs are being administered by the court or if they have entered into an arrangement with creditors, if they have suspended business activities, if they are the subject of proceedings of this nature or if they are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national laws or regulations,

b— have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of res judicata,

- c— have been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authorities can justify,
- d— have not fulfilled their obligations to pay social security contributions or taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of their country of residence or with those of the country of the contracting authority, or those of the country where the contract is to be carried out;
- e— have been the subject of a judgment which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Union's financial interests;
- f— have been declared to be in serious breach of contract for failure to comply with their contractual obligations, following another procurement procedure or grant award procedure financed by the Union budget.

For EIB ethical conduct requirements please refer to EIB Guide to Procurement, inter alia the clauses 1.4 and 3.6. (available on the EIB website).

7.2 Documentation to be submitted:

Information, formalities and documents necessary for an appraisal of the minimum economic and technical standards required from the Consultant:

- candidate details stating corporate name, legal status, address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address, contact person, VAT number (should a grouping be involved, each member of the grouping must be clearly identified). Furthermore, in the case of a group bid (whether via JV or subcontracting), the aforementioned document must be included for each member of a group of firms and the name of the lead company must be stated. Sub-contracting will be allowed up to 30 % of the contract value. (The experience of sub-consultants will not be taken into account while evaluating the corporate experience of the consultant),
- the staffing numbers of the company (or each member of a group of companies),
- statement of overall annual turnover for consultancy services in the past 3 financial years,
- list of completed projects in the past 5 years involving:

- a) design, re-design and preparation of tender documentations of large-scale water and waste water infrastructural projects,
- b) construction management and supervision of sewerage systems and WWTP rehabilitation works,
- c) designs, construction management and supervision of works contracts in the Commonwealth of Independent States or Georgia.

The candidates are invited to submit up to 15 reference projects.

8. **Other document to be provided by interested candidates:**

Solemn declaration stating that candidates are not in any of the cases described in point 7.1 of this notice.

9. **Additional information:**

The attention of interested parties is drawn to the aim of this notice: the compilation of a list of candidates who could be invited to respond to a specific invitation to tender. This procedure cannot, in itself, lead to the award of a contract.

10. **Selection and Award Criteria:**

10.1 Selection criteria

The following selection criteria will be applied to all candidates.

In the case of applications submitted by a joint venture, all the members must satisfy collectively the criteria for economic, financial and professional capacity, for which purpose the relevant figures for each of the partners shall be added to arrive at the consortium's total capacity, and the lead partner shall meet not less than 50 per cent of all the qualifying criteria for financial and technical capacity.

a) Economic and financial capacity of candidate:

- the average annual turnover of the candidate must exceed 7 000 000 EUR (seven million) for the last 3 financial years (2014, 2015 and 2016),

— positive financial result in the last 3 years (2014, 2015 and 2016).

b) Professional capacity of candidate:

— at least 20 permanent staff in the last 3 years (2014, 2015 and 2016) working for the candidate in the fields related to this contract,

— the candidate should have a back-up capacity other than the team to conduct the tendering and supervision work,

— the candidate should have given the company organization and company description in its application.

c) Technical capacity of candidate

— The candidate should have successfully completed at least 3 detailed designs, 3 tender documentations preparation and 2 construction supervision consultancy contracts in the last 5 years prior to the submission deadline of this application (from 2013 - 2017).

The following sub-criteria to be covered either under single project or separate projects for each sub-criterion under separate reference:

— For /including detailed design for a wastewater treatment plant and sewerage network construction project with a minimum value of 2 500 000 EUR (two million five hundred) in a single project (exact value of contract proportion carried out by the candidate),

— For /including construction supervision for a wastewater treatment plant and sewerage network project with a minimum value of 4 000 000 EUR (four million) in a single project (exact value of contract proportion carried out by the candidate),

— For/including construction supervision for any kind of construction which is governed by FIDIC contract conditions.

10.2 Award criteria

Most Economically Advantageous Tender

Short-listing:

On the basis of the applications received, at least 5 and at most 8 candidates will be invited to submit detailed tenders for this contract. If the number of eligible candidates meeting the selection criteria is less than the minimum of 5, the promoter may invite the candidates who satisfy the criteria to submit a tender.

If more than 8 eligible candidates meet the above selection criteria, the relative strengths and weaknesses of the applications of these candidates must be re-examined to identify the 8 best applications for the tender procedure.

The only factor which will be taken into consideration during this re-examination is:

— The cumulative value of the contract amounts of the completed service contracts (proportion carried out by the candidate) of the projects (in EUR) fulfilling technical capacity criterion 10.1.c.